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Furious Commons row over Special Branch searches

Hurd denies 'unleashing' police on BBC

● The Prime Minister and Home Secretary deny they "unleashed" the Special Branch against the BBC in the row over the *Secret Society* films

● In repeated attacks, Mr Neil Kinnock said Mrs Thatcher was trying to "cover up her incompetence" with the action against the BBC in Glasgow

● The author of a new spy book claims he has evidence which clears Sir Roger Hollis, former director-general of MI5, of being a Russian agent

● The Lord Chancellor joined supporters of a private member's Bill to bring the European Human Rights Convention into British law

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

In some of the most furious Commons exchanges of the present Parliament, the Prime Minister and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, rejected persistent Opposition charges yesterday of government involvement in the police investigation which led to the Special Branch raid on the BBC headquarters in Scotland.

During an emergency three-hour debate Mr Hurd said that apart from the proper role of the law officers in authorizing the application for warrants no minister had sought to direct or influence the investigation and no minister knew of the steps which the police were proposing.

The Government defeated the opposition's censure of its handling of the affair by 351 votes to 220. But the debate ended in uproar as Labour MPs accused Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, of dodging questions about the precise role of the Lord Advocate, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, in drawing up the warrants to search the BBC premises and determining how broad they should be.

Earlier, Mr Hurd had declared that the opposition had produced "no jot of evidence" to suggest that the Prime Minister had "unleashed the Special Branch" into the investigation.

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But he disclosed that when last Monday Mr Alan Protheroe, the assistant director general, was telephoned at the BBC headquarters in London to ask whether he would be prepared to hand over the original film, he declined to do so because of the possibility of breach of copyright and advised that if the police wanted the material they should attempt to obtain it through due legal process.

Mr Hurd said that Mr Protheroe was "within his rights", but his remarks brought shouts of surprise from Conservative MPs.

His statement came after a prolonged Question Time confrontation between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock in which the Labour leader accused her of killing the rule of law and the reputation of the police.

"Why does she not stand up and admit that she has initiated all this? It is nothing to do with national security. Is she not big enough to admit that she is trying to cover up her own incompetence with this injustice?"

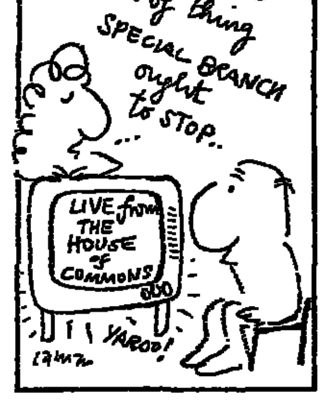
Mrs Thatcher delighted her backbenchers by *pointing out* that having accepted that a vital matter of national interest was at stake Mr Kinnock ought to have agreed that the police were right to investigate how the information was leaked. Instead he and his party were once again attacking the police.

Mr Kinnock, who infuriated the Conservatives by rising four times to question Mrs Thatcher retorted: "The Prime Minister has good cause to know that I will do everything to safeguard national security but she also has good reason to know that I will never protect her incompetence or the injustice she perpetrates."

Replying to Mr Michael Heseltine, who had accused Mr Kinnock of revealing his ignorance of government, Mrs Thatcher said the Government did not give orders to the police on how and when and where they enforced the law. "If any government wanted to do so it would be an end to the rule of law and to freedom."

Cheered on by Tory MPs, Mr Hurd said the attack on the Government seemed to have shifted ground. Originally the argument was that the Government had improperly intervened to direct an attack on Mr Campbell and the BBC.

●The Special Branch revisited Broadcasting House in Glasgow yesterday morning, seeking clarification of a document seized during the weekend raid on the production offices of the *Secret Society* series.



This is just the kind of thing SPECIAL BRANCH ought to STOP...
LIVE from THE HOUSE of COMMONS
YAROO!

Mr Hurd arriving for the debate yesterday: Dismissed Opposition accusations of ministerial intervention. (Photograph: James Gray)

Spy book 'clears' Hollis

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

Revelations about a Soviet mole in MI5 in the 1960s which appear to "clear" Sir Roger Hollis, former director-general of MI5, of being a spy, could undermine the claims of Mr Peter Wright, the former intelligence officer.

The Government has taken legal action in Australia to prevent publication of Mr Wright's book, *Spycatcher,* which alleges that the late Sir Roger was a traitor.

The revelations will appear in a book by Mr Nigel West, to be published next month. Mr West, whose real name is Rupert Allason, a prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Torbay, Devon, has uncovered evidence which he claims clears Sir Roger "once and for all." It seems he has had the full co-operation of security officials.

Mr West *said yesterday* that he had given the manuscript of *Mole Hunt* to Ministry of Defence officials who had advised changes but indicated that no legal moves would be made if the book was published.

Mr West claimed that another *high-ranking member of* MI5, who, like Sir Roger, was investigated as a potential spy, was the real agent. He would not reveal the dead man's identity.

Hailsham backs new rights Bill

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Corrrespondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, has come out in support of a private member's Bill to incorporate the European Human Rights Convention into United Kingdom law.

His support was disclosed yesterday at a press conference held by "Rights Campaign", the all-party pressure group, amid mounting support for the Bill after the police raid on the Glasgow offices of the BBC.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon, MP, and Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, yesterday said that if the Bill was now law, it would enable the BBC or any other aggrieved citizen to go to court over the possible infringement of its rights of privacy and freedom of expression, balanced by the need for national security.

Sir Edward Gardner, QC, MP, promoter of the Bill, said yesterday that he was "delighted and surprised" by the surge of support for his measure in the last week.

The disclosure of Lord Hailsham's support comes just three days before the Human Rights Bill comes up for a second reading in the Commons, at which Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, is urging MPs to vote in the light of the BBC raid.

The Rights Campaign said they hoped the fresh news of *Conservative support, which* already includes Mr Leon Brittan, MP, the former Home Secretary, may "affect the Government's attitude to the Bill."

Although officially hostile, Government whips have given assurances that the Bill *will* be given a fair passage and have promised not to use the ministerial "pay roll" to defeat the Bill on Friday.

The Lord Chancellor is to indicate his views in a discussion of the 1986 Reith lectures on a BBC Radio 4 programme to he broadcast on Sunday.

He says that "rightly or wrongly we have got a Bill of rights in that we have signed the European Convention on Human Rights."

"What we have done is to put ourselves in the hands of judges at Strasbourg, instead of putting ourselves in the hands of judges in Westminster or Edinburgh."

With no disrespect to the judges of Strasbourg, the judges "at Edinburgh or Westminister of Belfast have a better feel for the way in which *those rights to which* we are committed in international law, ought to be applied in the English, Scottish or Northern Irish context than the chaps at Strasbourg."

Fowler calls in Aids experts

The Government has announced a series of new measures in its drive to fight Aids.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced that the Government is to hold a meeting of international Aids experts to look at projections of the epidemic over the next five years.

Mr Fowler, who had just visited Aids patients at a new ward at the Middlesex Hospital, also revealed that further resources for treating and caring for Aids patients would be announced later this week.

He confirmed too that the next stage of the Government's campaign would be directed at drug abusers

A new stage in the Government's publicity campaign to help prevent the spread of the disease was also shown last night on all television channels. The television advertisement recommended the use of condoms as part of practising safer sex, for the first time.

The Government's concern over improving the accuracy of the prediction of Aids cases follows recent conflicting estimates from professionals throughout the country about the likely escalation of the disease.

"There are now 600 cases in this country, of which 300 have died. I have estimated that there will be 4,000 deaths by the end of 1989," said Mr Fowler. "But some estimates *have been greater than that* and it is important that we try to agree a best possible estimate."

The need for extra resources to cope with the disease was highlighted at the Middlesex Hospital yesterday by doctors who claimed that the NHS *clinic of genito urinary medicine* dealing with Aids patients and those with the virus as well as a range of sexually transmitted diseases, was cramped and under-staffed.

MPs nominate Waite for Nobel Prize

A group of MPs announced yesterday that they had nominated Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy who is missing *in Lebanon,* for the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The letter to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee was drafted by members of all the major parties before Mr Waite disappeared 15 days ago.

Lambeth Palace said yesterday that there was a "lull" in the search for Mr Waite while it awaited replies from overseas leaders.

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Sogat jobless fall to 630

By Tim Jones

Only 630 Sogat '82 members formerly employed by News International are still out of work, according to figures disclosed yesterday in a letter written by the union's general secretary, Miss Brenda Dean.

Originally, 4,012 Sogat members went on strike, which led to the company moving its operation to Wapping, east London, and were dismissed. Since then 1,466 have accepted termination payments of £820 for each completed year of service, *with a minimum of* £2,000, after agreeing to have no futher part in the dispute.

Nearly 2,000 have found alternative jobs and many of those did not apply for payments after being told they would lose their union cards, and therefore the right to work in closed-shop establishments. In spite of that threat at least nine chapel (union branch) officials accepted the offer.

The letter showing that only 630 are without work was sent by Miss Dean to the former fathers of chapels (chairmen of union branches) on *The Times* and three other national newspapers published by the company. They will undoubtedly increase pressure on Sogat's executive to abandon the dispute.

Publication of the figures comes after last month's ballot decision by 6,922 votes not to support the strikers with a 58p a week levy, in spite of an appeal from Miss Dean, who warned that Sogat was financially crippled.

Miss Dean also tells the FOC's that in refusing to call off demonstrations outside the company's plant at Wapping, *and in refusing to* discipline members, the union is "very vulnerable to sequestration and a further heavy fine".

She adds: "That coupled with the fact that we have already been sequestrated once in this dispute makes our position much more difficult than that of the National Graphical Association: who have not been sequestrated nor previously been in contempt of court in this dispute".

Her letter identifies those still receiving benfit as belonging to the following Sogat branches: Clerical, Administrative and Executive Personnel, 120 members: London Central (185): London Machine (25): Revisers, Ink and Roller Makers and Auxilliaries (280) and the Printing Machine branch (20).

Last week, News International began proceedings against Sogat '82 and the NGA which could result in the sequestration of their assets.

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Rape case sentences denounced

The victims in the west London vicarage rape and burglary case denounced the leniency of the sentences after the leader of the three-man gang was jailed for 11 years for non-sexual offences.

Prebendary Michael Saward and the young woman rape victim said the sentences appeared to equate burglary with rape and assault **Page 3**

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Polling date

The Greenwich by-election, caused by the death on Christmas Eve of the former Labour minister Mr Guy Barnett, will be on February 26. Labour is defending a majority of 1,211 **Spectrum, page 10**

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President Aquino of the Philippines still faces the task of taming her military despite her overwhelming win in the referendum on constitutional reform **Page 8**

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The US leading indicators rose by 2.1 per cent in December, the biggest monthly increase since January 1983, suggesting firmly that the American economy is strengthening **Page 19**

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Guinness 'fees'

Sir Jack Lyons and Mr Anthony Parnes received payments for advice to Guinness during its takeover of Arthur Bell & Sons **Page 19**

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With England's victory virtually assuring them of a place in the World Series Cricket Cup finals, BBC Television plans live coverage on Saturday night of the first match against Australia **Page 38**

Cup decider

Australia faces the prospect of bidding farewell to the "Auld Mug" as crews prepare for the fourth and perhaps final race to decide *the America's* Cup **Page 35**

Americans hold key nuclear test

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The United States yesterday conducted its first underground nuclear test of 1987 — a move which the Soviet Union has announced will force it to abandon its unilateral test moratorium.

The test took place in Nevada, near Las Vegas, at 7.20 am local time, the Department of Energy said. It had a yield of less than 20 kilotons and was the twentieth since the Soviet moratorium began on August 6 1985.

Moscow has urged the Reagan Administration to join it in a test ban, but said in December that it would resume testing as soon as the US made its first test this year.

● **MOSCOW:** Tass called the Nevada test a challenge to world opinion (Reuter reports). "The Reagan Administration . . . has confirmed its intention to follow a dangerous course for the escalation of the nuclear arms race."

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Home Office report

Police use of guns tightened

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Every police force in Britain is to set up specialist police firearms units operating on a 24-hour basis as one of a package of reforms announced yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

The package comes in the wake of the shootings of John Shorthouse and Cherry Groce by policemen.

Each force will retain a number of authorized shots on each of its divisions as well as the units but overall the plan is to reduce the number of officers licensed to use guns.

At the moment about 14,000 policemen in England and Wales are qualified to use guns.

The units are recommended in a report by a Home Office working party on police firearms which also suggested — a standard guide for gun training and use; better selection and training of authorized shots; revised guidelines for operations; tactical training for commanding officers and regular inspection of training facilities.

The report also suggests more research work into finding a non-lethal weapon and stress counselling for policemen involved in shootings.

But the report does not suggest codifying police practice on firearms into legislation nor any other changes in the legal standing of an armed officer. The length of current training and refresher courses should not be changed either.

The 35 recommendations and 10 conclusions, which Mr Hurd said yesterday had been accepted by the Government and would be sent to every chief constable, amount to both a standardization and rationalization of the police use of guns.

Yesterday *Mr Geoffrey* Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands — where John Shorthouse, aged five, was killed in a police raid — said they probably herald the end of the part-time police marksman.

Mr Hurd said that many *forces were already setting up* the specialist fireams teams called for by the report and they would attend operations involving guns.

He said that the selection of officers for firearms training would include probing temperament, maturity and stabilility as well as physical fitness. Development of judgement training systems should be monitored for possible use in training police in decision making under stress.

The working party suggests that high ranking officers authorizing firearms and those planning operations should have *aide-mèmoires* and checklists.

Authorization for the use of guns should be confirmed only if the request for guns is based on sound information and the option of a non-armed operation has been "properly considered".

The current guidelines say that a warning must be given by an officer before firing unless it was impractical. This has now been changed to read: "if it is reasonable to do so an oral warning is to be given before opening fire".

Reagan's top speech writer quits

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr Patrick Buchanan, the combative White House director of communications, yesterday resigned, saying he wanted to devote his time to working for the conservative movement in the 1988 presidential race.

President Reagan accepted the resignation, to be effective from March 1, saying he would miss Mr Buchanan's leadership and support. No successor has yet been named.

Mr Buchanan, a former speechwriter for President Nixon, joined the Reagan team two years ago, urging a strongly ideological line and *writing aggressive speeches* for Mr Reagan, with particularly tough remarks on the Soviet Union and Nicaragua.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the new White House spokesman, described him as a "strong voice for conservatism" who had carried out "an aggressive *communications policy*" on behalf of the Reagan agenda.

Labour left in move to change policy on Ulster

By Philip Webster
Chief Political
Correspondent

The Labour Party is facing a difficult internal dispute over an attempt by the left to change its policy on Northern Ireland so that the Protestant majority would no longer have the right to veto the formation of a united Ireland.

The party's official parliamentary spokesmen on Northern Ireland are facing defeat in a joint committee of the party's national executive and parliamentary Labour Party which was set a March deadline by the party conference last autumn to come up with a new Irish policy.

They are facing a move from two leading front-benchers, Mr Kevin McNamara and Ms Clare Short, to alter the party's painstakingly achieved compromise, which has held since 1981, that unification should be backed but that it should take place only on the basis of consent.

They have submitted to the committee a new paper entitled *New Rights, New Prosperity and New Hope for Northern Ireland* whose main proposal is that unity could take place "with a significant degree of consent".

This is a vital rewording which the Unionists would inevitably see as the first step towards a Labour government agreeing to a united Ireland despite their opposition.

The paper was strongly opposed by Mr Peter Archer, Labour's chief spokesman on Northern Ireland, and his deputy, Mr Stuart Bell, when it was put before the committee last week.

But Mr Archer and Mr Bell appear to be in a minority on the committee, which is chaired by Mr Tony Clarke.

Ms Short and Mr McNamara are backed on the committee by Miss Joan Maynard, MP for Sheffield Brightside and a long-time supporter of the "Troops Out" movement, Lord Stallard, the former MP Mr Jock Stallard, and several members of the NEC, including Ms Linda Douglas, the Young Socialists' representative, and possibly Mr Sam Mcluskie, the party treasurer.

Another front bench spokesmen on the committee, *Mr Clive Soley, is understood* to be more inclined to support the Short-McNamara line.

When the matter comes to a vote on February 17 they are confident of success.

The move by the left comes at a particularly sensitive time for Mr Neil Kinnock and the party leadership. Any move which was seen as weakening the veto would scupper any chances of a deal with Unionists in the event of a hung Parliament.

Portfolio

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NEWS SUMMARY

Boost to Labour at Greenwich

Labour's chances of winning the Greenwich by-election received a boost last night only hours after the writ for the vacant seat was moved in the House of Commons.

Polling will take place on February 26 and a constituency survey prepared by the BBC *Newsnight* programme showed Labour with a comfortable 22 point lead over the Conservatives in the London seat.

It gave Labour 48 per cent, Conservatives 26 per cent and the Alliance 24 per cent.

But, significantly, the fieldwork for the survey among 671 adults, was carried out before those interviewed knew of the selection of Miss Deidre Wood as the Labour candidate.

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'Perdition' for Irish

Leaders of the Jewish community in the Irish Republic expressed anger last night at the possibility of the controversial play, *Perdition*, opening in Dublin.

The play, written by Jim Allen and directed by Ken Loach, was cancelled by the management of the Royal Court theatre in London after intense criticism of its historical accuracy and its alleged anti-Semitism.

Now the author and director are negotiating with management of the Olympia Theatre in Dublin with the aim of presenting the London production next week.

Solicitor for trial

A solicitor extradited from France last November was charged with two murders, and stealing £84,000, yesterday at Sheffield Magistrates' Court and committed for trial.

Mr Ian Wood, aged 37, was charged with murdering his French-born girl friend, Mrs Danielle Lloyd, aged 38, her daughter, Stephanie, aged three, and attempting to murder her son, Christopher, aged six, in September 1986, at the home they shared at Ughill Hall, Bradfield.

No trial date was set.

Sealink victory

Sealink, the cross Channel ferry operators, has been chosen from 25 rivals to carry out a naval heritage project at Portsmouth naval base.

The project, which is expected to cost more than £10 million, will create an attractive environment for visitors

Sealink's involvement is subject to the final agreement of a committee representing the Portsmouth Naval Heritage Trust and the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust.

Jameson signs deal

Derek Jameson, former editor of *The News of the World*, has signed a new contract with Radio 2 to continue his breakfast programme until the end of 1988, the BBC said yesterday.

He will be paid about £40,000 a year to present the two-hour weekday programme, which gained half a million new listeners within six weeks of his joining the network.

The BBC said it had also signed new contracts with the presenters, Jimmy Young, Gloria Hunniford and Brian Matthew.

Learning to work

Local Employer Networks, a training initiative to fill the 215,000 vacancies for skilled workers in industry, was launched in London yesterday by Mr Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission.

Its aim is to set up about 130 networks of employers by the end of the year

Mr Nicholson said: "Our education system still feeds our companies with shining-faced young trainees, with slates often altogether too clean and too blank, in terms of their own preparation for the tasks ahead of them".

BT strikers stick to no-string 10% rise

By Tim Jones

As both sides involved in the British Telecom dispute meet again today to try to resolve the telephone engineers' strike, thousands of union members plan to march through London in support of their demand for a "no-strings" 10 per cent pay rise.

There is still a wide gap separating the two sides in spite of the hours of negotiations which have taken place. Mr Iain Vallance, BT's chief executive, is insisting that any pay deal must be linked to changes in working practices.

He has told Mr John Golding, general secretary of the National Communications Union: "We can no longer pass on inefficiencies and their costs to our customers".

The union has indicated its willingness to discuss changed working methods with the company once the pay talks have been concluded. It has already rejected an offer of about 7 per cent because it is tied to the changes which BT wants to introduce.

The only agreement between the two sides yesterday was to deny a report that BT was about to "cave in" and offer a two-year deal worth up to 15 per cent.

Today the executive of the union's clerical section will consider its next move after rejecting an offer said by BT to be worth more than 6 per cent.

● British Telecom has had only limited success in maintaining a public telephone service in large cities, according to a survey by *The Times* in London, Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Bristol.

A spokesman for BT said the company was not prepared to say how many telephone boxes were out of order nationwide on an average day.

But *The Times* survey showed that the public service was badly hit.

People had big difficulties making calls at London's railway stations yesterday. At Waterloo 14 out of 18 coin boxes were out of action, either through vandalism or, more commonly, because they were full of coins.

All six coin boxes on the eastern side of the main arch were out of action, with eight of the 12 boxes on the other side of the walkway also either vandalized or not working, apart from taking 999 calls.

At Leicester Square, of the 11 coin telephones surveyed, five were not working and three of the five phonecard booths were also out of action.

The situation at Charing Cross station was better with only three of 18 coin telephones out of order and all phonecard machines operating.

Rail unions angry over electricians' plan for line

By Tim Jones

Leaders of the three main rail unions are planning to protest to the TUC over an attempt by the electricians' union to represent the 55 "train captains" who will run the first £77 million section of the new Docklands Light Railway in east London which opens in July.

Yesterday, the National Union of Railwaymen and Aslef, the train drivers' union, agreed they should all be represented in talks with London Regional Transport by the Transport Salaried Staffs Association.

The attempt by the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union to move into hitherto clearly defined territory will further alienate it with those TUC affiliates who wish to see it thrown out of the organization because its members work for News International at Wapping.

But the EETPU argues that as it is dealing with a separate company which is not covered by any custom and practice arrangements, it has a perfect right to seek to represent the captains who will effectively run the 18 stations.

Although the trains will be automatic, the captains will be expected to drive them in emergencies and act as ticket collectors.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the NUR, said that the move by the EETPU was a "recipe for trouble".

He added: "We don't recruit in power stations or the electricity boards. These are railway jobs and should be represented by railway unions."

A spokesman for London Regional Transport, which has established a subsidiary company to run the railway, said it would prefer the captains to be represented by only one union, chosen by themselves, although there would be no closed shop.

In any event, the company is planning to establish an employee council which would enable employees of the new railway system to raise any grievances.

The electricians' union also faces possible TUC disciplinary action over a single union agreement which it expects to sign next week with Orion UK, a Japanese electronics company based in South Wales.

The Transport and General Workers' Union maintains it has the greatest representation within the plant and that the EETPU would be violating TUC guidelines if it goes ahead.

● The TUC yesterday submitted its own £7,000 million Budget proposals to Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

It claims they will revitalize industry and reduce unemployment. A large part of the expenditure, the TUC suggests, could be recouped by increased taxation.

The main item in the TUC's plan, which it would like Mr Lawson to include in his Budget, is a £2,400 million emergency housing repair programme. The TUC also calls for the restoration of £1,950 million in improvement grants, £180 million for school and hospital repairs, and £200 million for roads.

It wants £1,000 million targeted for expenditure in education-priority areas to include the purchase of books and allowance schemes to encourage 16-to-18-year-olds to continue their studies.

Declan McGlinchey, left, and Dominic at their mother's funeral yesterday.

McGlinchey's wife buried

By Richard Ford

The death notices and wreaths for Mary McGlinchey's funeral yesterday reflected the twilight world of terrorism in which she lived and died.

Prominent among the floral tributes on her grave was one from the general headquarters of the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army, of which her jailed husband Dominic was once believed chief-of-staff.

The newspaper death notices included sympathy wishes from three women convicted for their part in the Ballykelly public house disco bombing, in which 11 soldiers and six civilians died.

Another expressed deep regret from an assortment of friends, including one with the ominous nickname "Nail bomb".

A nearby grave at St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, Co Londonderry, is the final resting place of two terrorists who died in the 1981 hunger strike.

Scuffling broke out between mourners and Royal Ulster Constabulary officers as the murdered woman's coffin was carried by her sisters and two sons, Declan, aged 10, and Dominic, aged nine, from the church to a graveyard surrounded by the officers.

Police had mounted a major security operation to prevent any display of paramilitary trappings during the funeral and when minor skirmishing erupted they drew their batons.

One woman was arrested during the funeral and three policemen were slightly injured in the skirmishes.

Five hundred mourners, led by the woman's two children, heard Father Michael Flanagan describe her killing in Dundalk as one that had caused "shock and revulsion throughout Ireland".

He said the shooting of Mrs McGlinchey, aged 29, in the head as she bathed one of her sons on Sunday night was a cruel and inhuman deed which went beyond words and left people speechless.

After the funeral Mr Paul McGlinchey, the brother of Dominic, criticized the Irish government for refusing to release him from jail to attend the funeral and accused the security forces of harassment.

Last night, in a message from his prison cell in the Irish Republic, Dominic McGlinchey claimed his wife had not been a member of any paramilitary organization.

● Two daughters of the Rev Ian Paisley were among three people arrested during a protest outside a school being visited by Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday.

Officials from bank accused of attack

A retired colonel claimed in the High Court yesterday that an armed bank official repossessing his farm cottage told him he was looking forward to a chance to "sort me out".

He told Deputy Judge Michael Ogden, QC, that when he and his wife Barbara arrived at their £150,000 home they were greeted by a Lloyds Bank manager and two assistants armed with pickaxe handles and a jemmy.

While looking for a way in to the cottage, in Ellesmere, Shropshire, Mr Owen said he heard a scream from the kitchen where his wife had managed to gain entry.

When he got there he claimed he saw the three men all carrying weapons. "My wife said she had been struck on the hand and she was bleeding," Mr Owen said.

Mr Owen is seeking damages from the bank, its manager, Mr Anthony Good, Mr Frederick Grainger, a securities clerk, and Mr A J Sumner, a carpenter, over the repossession of the property and the alleged assault.

Mr Christopher Moger, for Lloyds and the three men, who deny the allegations, revealed that Mr Owen is a bankrupt who had been the subject of a receiving order just four days before the incident at his cottage in October 1983.

Mr Owen had been petitioned for bankruptcy by a local newspaper over a £3,500 debt for advertising his estate agency business. Mr Moger said Lloyds were mortgagees on the property in the sum of about £110,000.

In addition the National Westminster Bank had a charge on the property and he was overdrawn on his account with them by about £80,000.

Mr Owen and his wife were staying in a mobile home in North Wales and had moved all their furniture from the cottage which was in the process of being sold.

Mr Sumner told the court he had gone to the cottage to change the locks and Mr Owen turned up in a "bad mood".

He accepted that, following instructions from the bank officials, he would if necessary have used his tools to deal with any violence, and keep Mr Owen out as best he could.

He claimed that when Mr and Mrs Owen arrived the bank manger, Mr Good, had already gone. Although he held a claw hammer and Mr Grainger had a piece of wood they had not used them to threaten the couple.

It was Mr Owen who had used foul language and had smashed a window with a piece of wood.

Neither had attacked Mrs Owen. "I wouldn't strike a woman," he said.

The judge asked if he did not think the instructions to arm himself, coming from a bank were "extraordinary".

He accepted he did not often get that "remarkable" suggestion put to him by employers, but did not think it surprising at the time.

The hearing continues today.

Survey of TV violence on its way to BBC

By Craig Seton

The results of one of the most important independent surveys into violence on television will be presented to the BBC next month.

It will give Britain's four television channels and their critics a clear insight into the level and type of violence in television programmes and show whether it is increasing.

The report has been conducted for the BBC by a team from Aston University, Birmingham, led by Dr Guy Cumberbatch, a lecturer in the department of applied psychology.

"It has got a number of surprises in it. It is far more detailed than anything done anywhere else."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTION OF ONE SPECIAL AND FOUR REGIONAL MEMBERS TO THE MILK MARKETING BOARD – 1987

The Milk Marketing Board hereby announce as follows:

1. The Board have determined the retirement date for 1987 as midnight on Wednesday, 29 July 1987.

2. One Special Member of the Board and one Regional Member for each of the Northern, West-Midland, North Wales and Far-Western Regions have to be elected.

3. The Board are prepared to receive nominations of candidates for these elections. Such nominations must be received by the Board at the Board's offices at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, 16 March 1987.

4. Every person so nominated as a candidate for election as a Special or Regional Member of the Board must deposit with the Secretary of the Board not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, 16 March 1987 the sum of £200 in legal tender.

5. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Special Member of the Board unless he or she has been nominated as a candidate either by resolution of the Board or in writing by at least forty registered producers.

6. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for an English Region unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region.

7. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for a Welsh Region unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region or by a County Branch of the Farmers' Union of Wales in the Region.

8. A person may not be a candidate for election as a Special Member and as a Regional Member at the same time.

9. A candidate may withdraw from his or her candidature by a written notice to the effect provided it is delivered at the offices of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, 23 March 1987.

10. Any election literature issued by or on behalf of a candidate should bear the name and address of the person issuing it and the name of the candidate on whose behalf it is issued.

NOTE: Candidates in the Special Member election of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (if more than one) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to all producers at a cost to each candidate of £500.

Candidates in Regional Board Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (in contested elections) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to producers in the relevant Region at a cost to each candidate of £100.

Candidates who wish to avail themselves of these services must submit a copy of the election address to the Secretary of the Board at Thames Ditton, so that it and the relevant fee are received by her not later than Thursday, 16 April 1987. If advance notice of an intention to make use of the service can be given it will be administratively most helpful.

The broad appeal of sex parties

Cynthia Payne described in court yesterday what made her sex parties so popular. Mrs Payne told Judge Pryor: "The guests don't all want to go upstairs your honour. Some people are interested in coming along just to sit and watch."

Mrs Payne, aged 53, said her guests included friends she had known for 15 years, new business contacts and acquaintances and a millionairess. "Since the book was written about me, my horizons have widened. I have met a lot more people."

She told the Inner London Crown Court she had run two London brothels in 1976, one in Great Portland Street, the other in Eden Court Road. A luncheon voucher scheme operated at both places.

"When men came to the house they purchased luncheon vouchers from me for £25. That entitled them to food, drink, striptease show and a choice of girl to go to bed with." There were also parties there. "I love my parties," she told the judge.

Mr David Spens, for the defence, said that Mrs Payne was jailed in 1980 after pleading guilty to running a disorderly house and controlling prostitutes. She was sentenced to 18 months, but this was reduced to six months on appeal.

Mrs Payne said that since her release she had thrown other parties, but never charged for them.

Mrs Payne, of Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, south-west London, pleads not guilty to nine counts of controlling prostitutes between December 1985 and May 1986. One further count was dropped at the start of yesterday's proceedings.

● There were arguments in the courtroom when 15 reporters tried to fit into the press bench meant for five. After arguments when reporters squashed on to the overcrowded public benches, court officials placed more chairs along the walls.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Libel case frustration for Tebbit

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, may be frustrated in his desire for a swift hearing of his action for libel against *The Guardian*, it was disclosed yesterday (Nicholas Wood writes).

The waiting list for jury trials in the Queen's Bench of the High Court stands at about 18 months and even if Mr Tebbit were to win a plea for a speedy hearing, his case would not normally come up before the autumn.

However, if his lawyers could persuade a judge of the exceptional seriousness of the case, it would be open for him to expedite matters still further.

Mr Tebbit is known to have instructed his solicitors, Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners, to proceed with all possible despatch in the action against the newspaper and Mr Hugo Young, its political columnist, with a view to it being heard before the general election campaign.

Mr Tebbit's writ for libel was served on the newspaper on Monday and *The Guardian* has 28 days to file its defence.

Mr Peter Preston, its editor, has said the case will be "vigorously defended"

Range Rover popularity rescues jobs

Production of Land Rovers has halved in the past five years and without the growing demand for the Range Rover, the Solihull company would have been forced to retrench (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

Output of Land Rovers fell by a third in 1986 to 21,000.

The company paid the price for failing to increase sales in Britain and the Continent to compensate for the decline of its traditional African markets that, as recently as 1980, accounted for two thirds of Land Rover sales.

In Europe, competition from Japanese off-road vehicles has been intense and only in recent months has Land Rover responded to the popularity of turbo-charged diesels with the introduction of its own model.

Further slimming of the workforce has been avoided owing to record sales of Range Rovers last year.

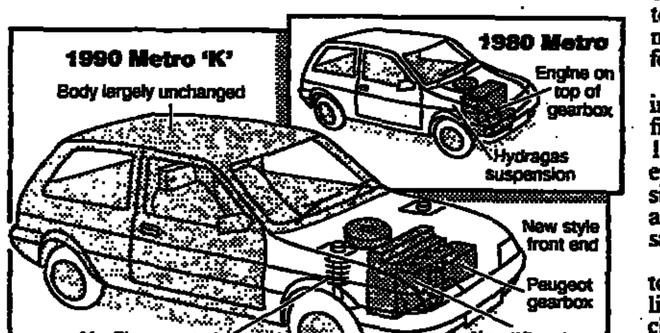
Austin hopes for new Metro based on engine

Austin Rover is gambling that a new engine and improved suspension alone will give the 10-year-old Metro model a new lease of life for the 1990s (Daniel Ward writes).

It is understood the company plans to save up to £80 million by abandoning the all-new Metro replacement, code-named AR6.

Instead the Metro will have a new front to accommodate the new 1 to 1.4 litre K series engine, and a Peugeot-made, five-speed gearbox.

This will allow the new car, Metro K, to meet tough exhaust emission legislation for the 1990s, but without the freedom to redesign the body is unlikely to be as light or economical as the more advanced AR6, or rivals such as the Citroen AX.



Chariots of Fire runs in muddy water

By Paul Vallely

Clean, upright, representing the spirit of high idealism, the young athletes of *Chariots of Fire* pounded rhythmically through the waves on the shoreline in the opening sequences of the film. They were not to know what muddy waters their feet were disturbing.

Yesterday the film's ethos of lofty nobility dissolved quite entirely as Vangelis, the composer of the much published melody which accompanied the dramatic running scenes, defended himself in the High Court against charges that he had stolen the famous tune from a little known composer.

The world which was painted for Mr Justice Whitford was instead one where plagiarism, duplicity, and deceit were the norms. Mr Stavros Logarides, in the witness box, told a story of how his proud composition had been stolen by the man who was supposed to have been the producer of his next record.

Meanwhile, Mr Vangelis, looking rather like a man who was once in the backing group for Demis Roussos, sat at the back of the court tutting and sighing and shaking his head.

One of his interjections, which caused a titter of laughter among the crowd of associates who inevitable congregate around pop personages, was of such force that his own barrister had to tell him to be quiet.

The court was told that Mr Logarides's testimony was riddled with lies. He had even on previous occasions in Greece tried to get other witnesses to give dishonest evidence. Further, it was told EMI Records, which now owns the rights to Mr Logarides's work, was motivated in its action against Mr Vangelis by malice and revenge

Mr Logarides, in support of his bona fides, produced evidence of the painting of horses in Mr Vangelis's basement and the white egg-shaped chair, with internal loudspeakers, on which he was said first to have heard the filched material.

"He was going to give me £150 a week to sing for him and live in his basement," he said.

But Mr Vangelis, for some reason, turned against him. Mr Logarides could not think why. "We brought him tomatoes from Greece and greetings from his father or mother or uncle or whatever," he complained. In return, all he got was his song stolen.

When Mr Logarides heard the theme tune from the film, *Chariots of Fire*, he thought he recognized it. And when he later compared it with his own "City of Violets" from a Greek television series he "got a little furious".

For the two pieces were the same, he told the court.

The hapless judge, surrounded by electric pianos, synthesizers, mixing desks, and other equipment more normally found in a recording studio, maintained an air of quizzical amusement throughout. The case, which is expected to last for another two weeks, continues.

New Sierra model will aid recovery

By *Daniel Ward*
Motor Industry Correspondent

The Ford Sierra, the advanced and controversial looking Cortina successor, has recovered to become Britain's best-selling fleet car, a position likely to be strengthened by the launch today of the booted Sierra Sapphire.

Ford has spent £228 million on the Sapphire, an addition to the hatchback range, and mid-model life improvements for the existing Sierras.

The company expects sales in the United Kingdom to rise from 114,000 in 1986 to 134,000 this year, as the Sierra enters the sector for medium-size saloon models which account for 40 per cent of sales.

Last year Sierra finally overtook the rival Vauxhall Cavalier. Mr Derek Barron, chairman and chief executive of Ford UK, said the launch of the car in 1981 "was one of the boldest things we have ever done" and admitted if it had failed the whole company would have been in trouble. And so it looked in 1984 when sales plummeted from 159,000 in 1983 to 113,000.

It was only last year that market research showed people had accepted the car's distinctive styling. Production of the Sierra nearly doubled at the Dagenham plant, from 290 a day to 560.

A wide range of detail improvements and the option of anti-lock brakes will ensure the Sierra puts even more pressure on its natural rivals, the Montego and the Cavalier.

Pan Am offer

New York (AP) — Four unions at Pan Am are offering concessions in exchange for a financial restructuring of the airline as a new air-fare war threatens the struggling company.

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Leader of gang raid on vicarage receives a 14-year jail term

By David Sapsted

Robert Horscroft, described as the leader of the three-man gang who brought terror to a vicarage in Ealing, west London, yesterday received sentences totalling 14 years at the Central Criminal Court.

Horscroft, who played no part in the rape, was sentenced on burglary charges and for attacking the vicar, the Rev Michael Saward.

On Monday, Mr Justice Leonard sentenced Martin McCall, aged 22, from Acton, west London to five years for rape and five years for aggravated burglary while Christopher Byrne, also 22, from Acton, received three years for rape and five for aggravated burglary and assault.

Mr Saward said after the trial that he had been "appalled" at the lack of understanding shown by the judge and some of the barristers, while the rape victim, a virgin subjected to a horrifying one-hour ordeal, said she was "shocked at the way the judge seems to have treated rape and burglary as roughly comparable crimes".

The vicar and another man in the house at the time, Mr David Kerr, aged 21, were tied up and bludgeoned with a cricket bat during the raid.

Mr Saward expressed dismay at remarks made by the judge on Monday when sentencing McCall and Byrne.

The comment that "the trauma suffered by the girl was not so great" had deeply upset the victims, he said.

"The judge seemed to assume that, because we were Christians, everything was all right. But we are still suffering."

He said the rape victim had "wonderfully overcome most of the horror but there will always be something of it with her".

Mr Saward said that he had hoped the sentences would act as a deterrent to brutal attacks on the public.

"Sadly, the sentences passed will not have this effect and could do quite the reverse," he said.

"I feel angry at what those men did to a young woman ... that callous and brutal louts could do such a thing to her or batter that young man so violently."

Mr Kerr, still receiving treatment for the injuries he received in the attack last March, said he would like to see McCall castrated and felt the prison sentence would "in no way be a frightener to people like him".

Mr Harry Greenway, Tory MP for Ealing North, has already condemned the leniency of the sentences and the anger of the vicitims yesterday looked bound to add to the pressure for harsher jail terms for rapists.

Sentencing Horscroft, aged 34, from Ealing, west London, the judge conceded that three years' imprisonment for the attack on the vicar might appear lenient but said that he had not been persuaded about who had actually wielded the cricket bat.

Mr Justice Leonard said, however, that Horscroft "must take the blame" for what happened at the vicarage because he had taken with him two men who he knew were high on drink and drugs, and who were armed with knives.

The judge said that he had taken into account Horscroft's horror at the rape and his attempts to stop it.

Horscroft also admitted seven other burglaries, asked for 24 others to be taken into account, and provided information which had led to the arrest of 18 people, the judge added.

● Also sentenced yesterday was Gary Byrne, aged 26, the brother of Christopher Byrne, who was jailed for three years for a burglary at a warehouse in Great Abington, Cambridgeshire, last year. His counsel emphasized that the man was in no way connected with the vicarage case.

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Robert Horscroft, played no part in the rape.

Rapists can seek parole in 3 years

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The sentences of 10 and eight years imposed will mean that the two rapists are eligible for parole after two years and seven months, according to one of the country's leading experts on sentencing yesterday.

Dr David Thomas, of Cambridge University's Institute of Criminology, said that the judge, Mr Justice Leonard, had followed sentencing guidelines put out last February by the Lord Chief Justice "with absolute precision".

But such was the system of parole that the men — who have already spent nine months in custody — would be eligible for parole after one third of their sentence, which will be before three years are up.

"I am not saying they will get parole — although my guess is that they may well do so on the second or third review."

Dr Thomas, author of the standard sentencing reference book, *Current Sentencing Practice*, added that the sentencing system and parole were completely "out of step" and there needed to be a review of the whole process.

His prediction about early release is confirmed by figures of the average sentences imposed for rape. Rape and attempted rape are sentences carrying a maximum of life imprisonment. But in 1985 the average sentence imposed for rape was just under three years seven months. The average time served was 20 months.

Judges are not meant to take into account the parole system when imposing sentence. They must adhere to the guidelines put out by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, in February last year, outlining all the factors to be taken into account in rape cases and suggesting appropriate sentences.

"Any judge going into court to impose a sentence for rape is bound to have those in his pocket, particularly a judge as experienced as Mr Justice Leonard," Dr Thomas said.

In the Ealing vicarage rape case, Mr Justice Leonard — widely regarded as a fair judge — will probably have regarded the crimes of rape and aggravated burglary together when determining sentence and have been considering the "whole package".

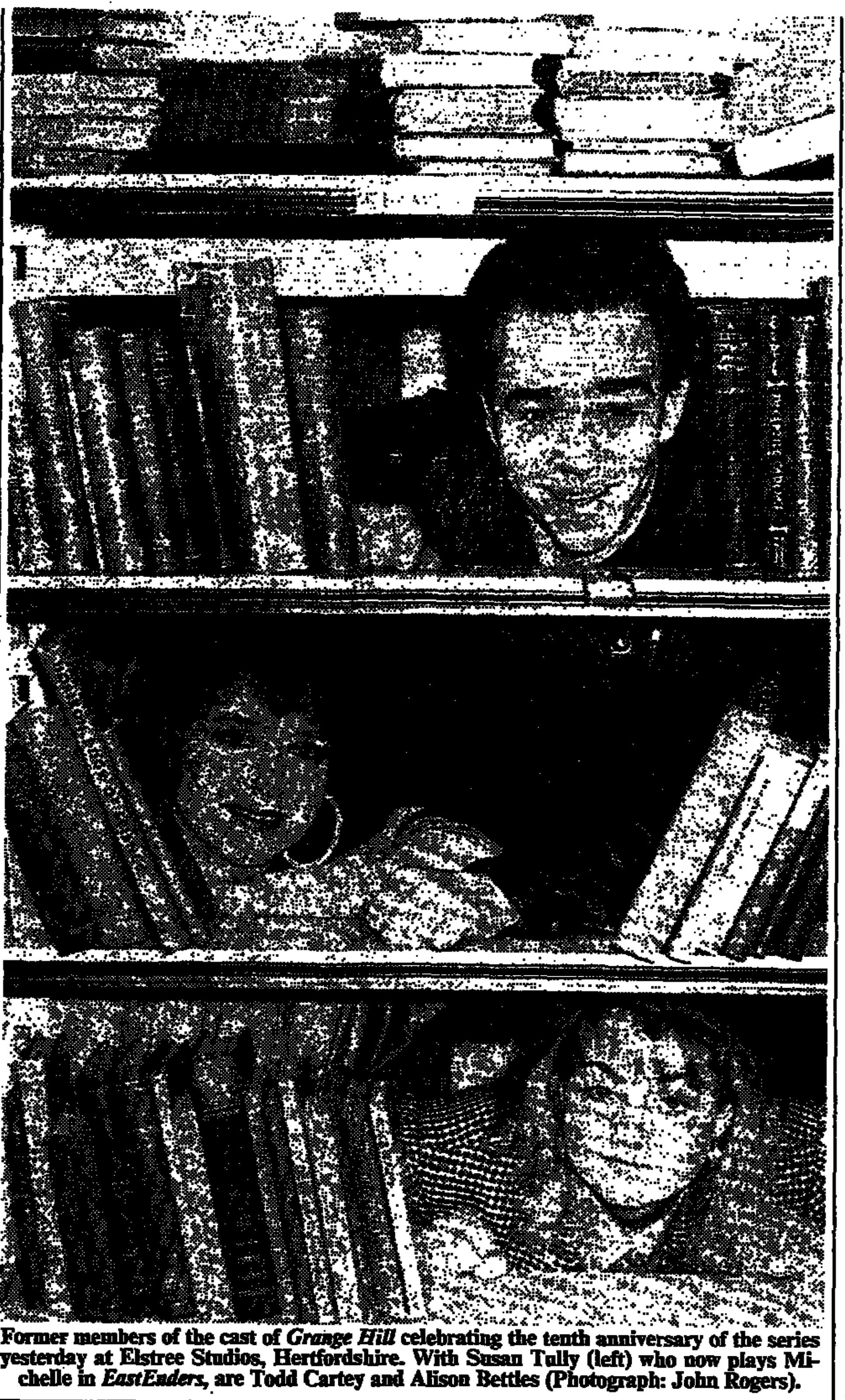
To arrive at a total of 10 years for Martin McCall, which he split into five for rape and five for aggravated burglary, he will have taken as a starting point Lord Lane's minimum of eight years recommended for rape in the course of a burglary where the man gains access to the place where the victim is living, or where two or more men are acting together.

He will have then looked at "aggravating features" listed by Lord Lane, including violence; the fact that "the victim was subjected to further sexual indignities or perversions"; and that a weapon was used to frighten her. That will have taken the total up to something like 14 years: the worst cases of rape, Lord Lane says, should have 15 years or more.

The judge will then have looked at factors on the other side of the scales: chief among these is that the men pleaded guilty. Guilty pleas amount to roughly a discount of one third or one quarter of the sentence.

That takes the sentence down to 10 years. Mr Justice Leonard then split up the sentence for the two offences; another way to do it would be to have said 10 years for the rape and five for the aggravated burglary, to run concurrently, although the result would be the same.

The men may also have been helped by their age: an offender of 17 may be treated more leniently than one aged 30.



Former members of the cast of *Grange Hill* celebrating the tenth anniversary of the series yesterday at Elstree Studios, Hertfordshire. With Susan Tully (left) who now plays Michelle in *EastEnders*, are Todd Cartey and Alison Bettles (Photograph: John Rogers).

Crawford voted top performer

Michael Crawford yesterday won a top showbusiness award for his performances in the West End musicals, *Barnum* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

The actor was voted Showbusiness Personality for 1986 in a Variety Club awards ceremony at the Hilton Hotel, London.

The event, which was compered by Terry Wogan, also saw the cast of *EastEnders* sharing the BBC Television Personality of The Year award.

There was a special award for Tommy Trinder, the veteran comedian, paying tribute to his services to entertainment.

Mike Smith was named as BBC Radio Personality of The Year, for his breakfast show on Radio One.

Cilla Black was the ITV Personality of The Year for her *Blind Date* show, and John Cleese's performance in *Clockwise* won him the award for best film actor.

Maggie Smith was best film actress for her performance in *A Room with a View*.

The theatre awards went to Paul Scofield for his role in *I'm Not Rappaport*, and Maureen Lipman, for her performance in *Wonderful Town*.

Elaine Page was named recording artiste of the year.

Theatre career for Prince ruled out

Reports of a showbusiness career for Prince Edward were dismissed yesterday (David Sapsted writes).

It turned out that the only role allocated to the country's most famous former marine was to be that of patron of the National Youth Theatre.

The original report, featuring a royal heir vying for an Oscar nomination, was inspired by a story in yesterday's *Daily Mail* linking the Prince with Mr Bryan Forbes, the film and stage director.

Mr Forbes yesterday described such a situation as "ludicrous", although he conceded that — in his role as president of the Youth Theatre — he had convinced the Prince to become patron.

Buckingham Palace made it clear that the job would not entail involvement in the day-to-day running of the theatre.

A spokesman said: "Prince Edward has not yet decided what his career will be ".

Mr Forbes said yesterday that he had originally approached the Prince while he was training in the marines.

The offer of becoming patron was rejected because the Prince said he did not have the time.

Moves to extradite 26 over Heysel

Events before the European Cup final in the Heysel stadium at Brussels were described yesterday as the "greatest man-made tragedy ever inflicted on a sporting occasion".

The claim was made by counsel for the Belgian government at the opening of extradition proceedings against 26 British football fans, at Highbury Corner court, north London. The fans are facing a manslaughter charge arising out of disturbances before the match.

One defendant, Alan Woodray, 22, of Reading, Berkshire, failed to appear for the hearing, and Mr David Hopkin, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, issued an arrest warrant.

The Belgian government is applying for extradition of the fans, who are accused of the manslaughter of Mario Ronchi, one of 39 who died when a wall collapsed in the stadium at the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus of Italy in May 1985.

The hearing is expected to last eight weeks.

Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for the Belgian government, which wants the 26 to stand trial in Belgium, said: "These defendants, say the prosecution, were among those who created that tragedy. They helped create the events which led to the deaths

Mr Sherrard said that many of the defendants had made what amounted to frank admissions, which in law amounted to manslaughter. Many of the defendants had claimed the trouble began because the Italians were beating up a 10-year-old British boy, but they later admitted this was a lie

The defendants are:

Ronald O'Brian, 21, Anthony Hogan, 23, David Duncan, 23, Gary Evans, 22, Keith Reed, 21, Timothy Williams, 26, and Terence Wilson, 29, all Liverpool; Michael John Barnes, 21, Bristol; Stanley James Conroy, 34, Runcorn; Gary Cooper, 21, Lewisham, south London; John Davies, 21, and Paul Anthony Robert Howerd, 21, both Prescot, Merseyside; David Leslie Giles, 32, and Ronald Jepson, 23, both Audley, Stoke-on-Trent; Gary Haynes, 20, Berrington Road, and Kevin Barry Hughes, 20, Princes Road, both Ashton-in-Makerfield, Greater Manchester; Steven McDonald, 19, Rainhill, Merseyside; Graham Simon Postlethwaite, 19, Kendal; Graham Reavey, 24, Freemantle, Southampton; Barry Rickman, 29, Ipswich; Gary Allan Rutter, 21, Persby, Wirral; Andre Sambar, 29, Whiston, Merseyside; James Wallace, 25, Bury, Greater Manchester; Alan Woodray, Reading; Mark Woods, 23, Litherland, Merseyside; and Paul Leslie Wright, 23, Chelsea, west London.

Portfolio
—Gold—

Winner is bound for the tropics

A honeymoon trip to the tropics is on the agenda for one of the four winners who shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Timothy Roach, aged 31, a quantity surveyor, of South Woodford, east London, said he planned to marry his fiancee, Miss Sarah Martin, in September and he knew exactly what he would do with his £1,000 prize.

"I'll spend it on our honeymoon. We haven't really thought about where we're going to go because we haven't even got the church organized yet, but I've been told it has to be somewhere hot and by the sea!"

Another winner, Mr Donald Salisbury, aged 75, of Surrey, also planned to take his wife on a special holiday with his share of the money." We might go to New Zealand," the retired insurance broker said.

"We've been there before but we had to slum it a bit last time we went. Perhaps we'll be able to put our feet up and travel first class this time."

A former Fleet Street printer, Mr Sidney Smith, aged 69, of St Albans, was less extravagant. "I'll probably buy a golf ball, pay for the winter fuel bill and put the rest into Ernie," he said.

The fourth winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize was Mrs D.Elvin, of Harrow, north-west London.

Readers can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

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One-legged man to finish cancer run

One-legged runner Steve Fonyo plans to resume his trek across Britain on Valentine's Day to raise money for cancer research.

Fonyo, who ran across Canada to raise money for cancer research in 1984-85, completed about one-quarter of his run in Great last autumn before returning to Canada to be with his father who has since died of lung cancer.

The first stage of the run raised about $45,000 dollars, Fonyo said. He hopes to raise $1.5 million for the British Cancer Research Campaign.

'Mobsters' found guilty of blackmail

Two men were found guilty yesterday at Leicester Crown Court of the "mobster-style" blackmail of a Norwegian businessman.

Kevin Brennan, aged 22, of Stoneygate, Leicester, and another man whose identity is subject to a contempt of court ruling, were convicted of demanding £115,000 with menaces from Mr Ivar Tollefsen last May.

A third man, James Gardner, aged 28, of Main Street, Great Bowden, admitted the charge.

All three are expected to be sentenced on Friday.

During the 10-day trial, Mr David Farrer, QC, for the prosecution, said the three behaved like mobsters from the days of American prohibition

Mr Tollefsen said he was snatched from Heathrow and held prisoner for two days

The kidnappers threatened to kill him and maim his wife and child in Oslo if he did not pay £115,000 into Gardner's bank account, but the plan failed because the victim was seized on a Norwegian bank holiday and was unable to get the money.

Man cleared

A charge of using threatening behaviour at News International, Wapping on November 6 was dismissed when Edward Osborne, aged 47, unemployed, of Handsworth Avenue, Woodford, appeared before Thames Magistrates Court yesterday.

Missing fines

Unpaid fines of £450,000 a year are being written off in Birmingham because the courts do not have the resources to chase defaulters, many of them prostitutes.

Court is told of boys' fight to the death

Two boys were involved in a fight to the death, watched by a crowd of pupils as they arrived at school, Manchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

It ended when a boy aged 13 produced a small fish knife and plunged it into the other boy's stomach, it was claimed. The court was told that the alleged killer had boasted to friends: "I am going to have a fight with a Paki. I am going to kill him."

The victim, also aged 13, was taken to hospital but was dead on arrival. The defendant, now 14, has pleaded not guilty to the murder at Burnage High School, Manchester, on September 17.

Mr Richard Henriques, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury: "In the 48 hours preceding the death, animosity had built up between the two boys. Knowing that a confrontation would take place, the defendant armed himself with the fish knife. When challenged to a fight the defendant stabbed the other boy."

Previously, trouble had flared after the Pakistani boy intervened as the defendant punched and bullied a smaller boy.

Mr Henriques said the fight had barely started when the stabbing took place. The defendant later returned to school, where he told a teacher he had put the knife down a drain, Mr Henriques said. "He admitted responsibility for the stabbing.

Mr Justice Garland ruled that under the Children's and Young Persons Act the defendant and the victim cannot be named.

Hopes for new air deal on French routes

A new attempt is to be made today to break the shackles on air services between Britain and France (Our Air Correspondent writes).

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Aviation, is to fly to Paris to meet his French opposite number after indications that the French government is now ready to listen to British plans for liberalization.

Until now the French have refused to budge on the key issue of fares although they are now in favour of lifting some of the restrictions on flights

Ship's master is accused

The captain of a cargo ship was "seriously negligent" and acted in an "incompetent" manner before his vessel sank after a collision in thick fog, it was alleged at a Department of Transport inquiry at Chatham, Kent, yesterday.

Captain Robert Calderbank, aged 38, of Gretar Street, Liverpool, had only taken over as master on the 650-ton Xanthence, owned by Crescent Shipping, the day before its sinking in the Dover Strait on May 21, 1985.

He was attempting to cross the busy north-east traffic lane, en route from Calais to Howdendyke on the Humber, when he was in collision with the 1,000-ton West German cargo ship, Rosita Maria. Captain Calderbank and his crew of three jumped overboard and were picked up by a ferry.

The inquiry is before Judge Nevin and Captain Eric Beethan, a marine assessor, at Medway County Court.

Captain Charles de Coverly, a marine accident expert with the Department of Transport, listed 10 grounds for the accusation that Captain Calderbank was negligent and incompetent.

They included failing to keep proper lookout, excessive speed, failure to use his foghorn and make proper use of his radar, altering course towards the Rosita Maria, and failure to take proper avoiding action.

In cross examination, Captain de Coverly agreed with Captain Calderbank's defence counsel, Mr Charles MacDonald, that the "grossly negligent speed" of the Rosita Maria, said to be in excess of 10 knots with a broken radar, was a main contributory factor to the cause of the collision.

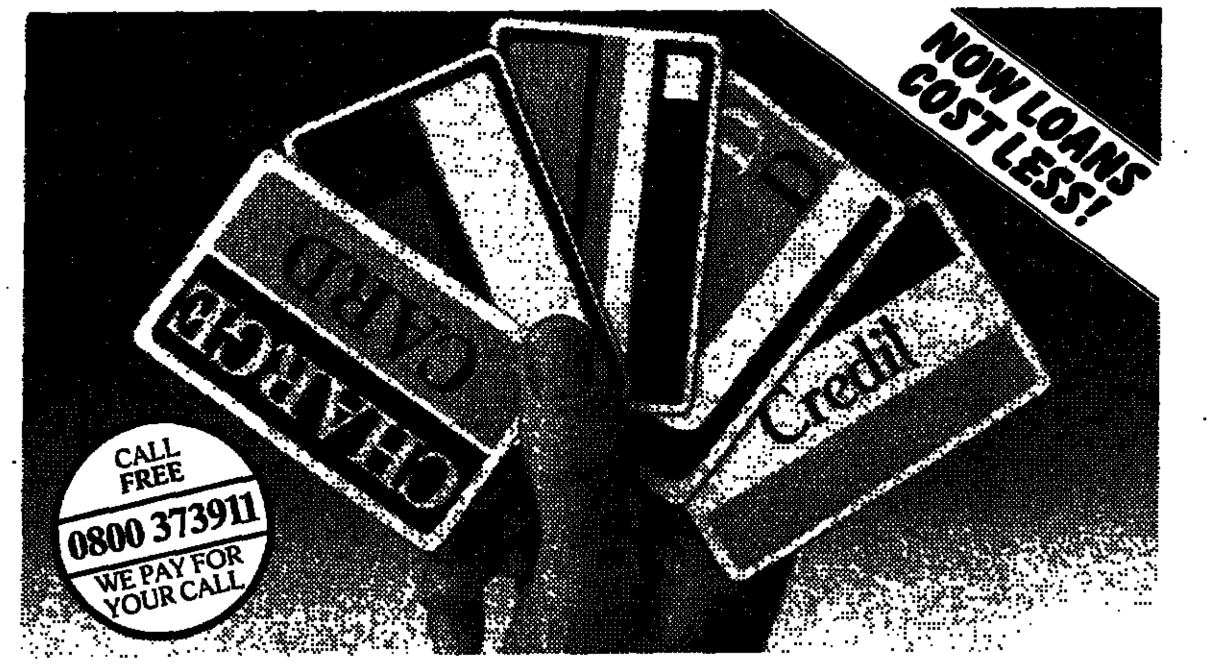
Captain Calderbank told the inquiry: "To get across the lane I had to turn to port. I thought two other vessels would pass my bow

"I reduced speed to dead slow ahead. The radar echo appeared still to be closing. The lookout went forward. I stopped engines and sounded another blast on the foghorn." One of the ships passed safely.

"The next thing I recall I attempted to contact the other vessel, which I now know was the Rosita Maria, using my radio and did get some sort of reply asking my course, to which I replied 316. Simultaneously the lookout pointed portside.

"I looked and saw the Rosita Maria. I went full astern and hard to starboard, then we collided."

The inquiry continues.



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A Tory reply for the peers

There was an immediate response from Mrs Thatcher to yesterday's debate in the Lords on inner cities when the Government was criticized and there were demands for more money to be spent on the deprived areas.

At Prime Minister's question time, in reply to Mr John McWilliam (Blaydon, Lab), she said that the Government had spent about £2.2 billion on the inner cities since 1979, evidence that it was not money alone which would solve that kind of problem.

Manufacture 'key sector'

It needed to be stated from the Government dispatch box that manufacturing industry was the most important sector of the British economy, Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions. It would be the wealth creator.

"What we cannot say . . . is that it is going to be a job creator in the future. Because of higher productivity per man and modern technology it is more likely to shed jobs even though increasing its profitability."

Strike laws 'difficult'

Many MPs would like to introduce legislation to make strikes such as the one by firemen at Manchester Airport illegal, but it would not be easy to make such legislation effective, Mrs Thatcher said during Prime Minister's questions. The Government believed that the public needed protection and that the unions should not hold them to ransom.

She was replying to Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton, C), who said that the strike was inconveniencing thousands of the travelling public in the North-west.

Qualification in tourism

Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons question time that good progress was being made to develop vocational qualifications within the tourism industry in line with the objectives of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications. About 94 per cent of people in tourism had no qualifications.

Cigarette imports

British cigarette manufacturers have expressed concern about imports of cheap brands, some of which can undercut British prices by up to 20p for 20, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister for Industry, said in a Commons written reply. Imports were up from 100 million in 1983 to 9.6 billion last year. About 90 per cent come from West Germany, including West Berlin.

Polls law

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, rejected in a Commons written reply, a suggestion from Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) that he should introduce legsilation to establish a code of conduct to cover the methodology and publication of political opinion polls.

Sugar firms

The Government is to make a statement as soon as practicable on the recommendations of the Mopnopolies and Mergers Commission relating to the acquisition of British Sugar by Tate and Lyle or Gruppo Fernuzzi, Mr Michael Howard, Under-Secretary for Trade and Industry, said in a written reply.

Commons uproar over raids

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister and Mr Neil Kinnock engaged in heated exchanges during a question time curtain-raiser for the emergency debate on the Special Branch seizure of films and other material from the BBC in Glasgow.

Mr Kinnock accused the Prime Minister of covering up her own incompetence with injustice. He said that Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, had initiated the action. Mrs Thatcher retorted that the Government had played no part in the decision of the police to apply for a search warrant, nor in the decision of a court to grant the application.

She accused Mr Kinnock of confusing the criminal law with the issuing of injunctions under civil law.

The whole of the unusually long exchanges was accompanied by prolonged uproar, with Conservative MPs laughing at Mr Kinnock, and Labour MPs shouting protests at the Prime Minister.

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C) opened the questioning: In relation to the Zircon affair, can the Prime Minister confirm that the Metropolitan Police asked the BBC to co-operate and that the BBC refused, unless the police went through all the legal processes?

When asked by the police where the relevant tapes and files were held, the BBC replied: "You will have to take the lot" (Opposition protests and shouts of "No").

Can she also confirm that BBC solicitors liaised in the drafting of the warrant and that the information that the relevant material was in Glasgow was disclosed to the police by Duncan Campbell himself?

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Hirst will know that these are not matters for the Government (Labour protests). It is for the police to decide whether to apply for a search warrant, and for the courts to decide whether to grant an application. The Government does not give orders to the police — (Opposition laughter) — as to how, when and where the law should be applied.

Mr Kinnock: Does the Prime Minister recall saying 10 days ago that the courts are rightly concerned to protect the liberties of people and will not just hand out a blanket injunction not to publish?

Mrs Thatcher: He is wrong. The Attorney General said in a written reply on January 29: "On Friday 23 January the Director of Public Prosecutions, at the request of the Attorney General, asked the Metropolitan Police to investigate possible breaches of the official Secrets Act, 1911, arising out of publication in the *New Statesman* magazine of a report entitled "The Parliamentary by-pass operation".

It is clearly a criminal case. It is for the police to decide whether to apply for a search warrant and for the courts to decide whether to grant the application. The police did decide to apply for a search warrant. It was the courts which decided to grant the application. It is not a matter for the last Home Secretary or Scottish Secretary or the present ones.

Mr Kinnock: That reply makes clear that, contrary to what the Secretary of State for Scotland said yesterday, all this action was initiated very directly by the Attorney General, one of her ministers.

Why was it that a few months ago a discussion with the BBC, in her own words, was apparently sufficient to stop one film, but that now it is found necessary to undertake an invasion of the BBC to stop five? Every action by the Government since January 22 was prompted, not by national security, but by an obsession to save her face.

Mrs Thatcher: He is deliberately trying to imply that this is an injunction, when it is a matter of criminal law. Decisions to prosecute under criminal law are for the Attorney General, in his prosecuting capacity, and not for the Government in any way.

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister has good cause to know that I will do everything to safeguard national security (Conservative laughter). She also has good reason to know that I will never protect her — (renewed laughter) — incompetence or the injustice she perpetrates.

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Kinnock will do everything except support the police in carrying out their independent duties — their duties under the law. They carry them out impartially and this is not a matter for the Government.

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister is killing the rule of law and, with it, the reputation of the police.

Mrs Thatcher: He has completely muddled up injunctions and criminal law.

Mr Kevin McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said it was about time that the Prime Minister came clean about the activities of the Attorney General and his dining with people who were subject to criminal inquiries.

The Attorney General had as his guest at the Garrick Club in 1985 Mr Duncan Campbell. On July 17 this year, he had lunch with Mr Duncan Campbell at the BBC's expense to discuss the series *The Secret Society* and with the document seized by Special Branch. Mr Campbell made a full note of that discussion. Should not that note now be put into the public domain? (Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: The Solicitor General dealt with this matter in the House effectively when we had the debate the other day.

● **Mr Robin Cook (Livinston, Lab)** called for the letter from the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, to Mr Duncan Campbell, part of which was quoted by the Solicitor General in the Commons on Tuesday, to be made available to MPs.

He said, on a point of order, that it demonstrated that last July the Attorney General was in discussion with Mr Duncan Campbell concerning the film which the Special Branch had found it necessary to impound.

The Commons rule was that a minister of the crown may not read or quote from a dispatch or other state paper not before the House unless he was prepared to lay it before the House.

The correspondence quoted by the Solicitor General was a direct quotation of the Attorney General. It was evident that there were material ommissions, such as the concluding passage: "Look forward to seeing you on Thursday. Yours ever, Michael" (laughter).

The Speaker said that the document quoted was a letter and not a state paper or a dispatch.

Mr Gerald Kaufman: All Government did was have a friendly chat with the BBC.

Kaufman onslaught on Prime Minister

Thatcher 'bungling' comes under fire

The whole train of events of the Zircon satellite case bore the personal hallmark of the Prime Minister — "bungling inefficiency coupled with arrogant authoritarianism" — Mr Gerald Kaufman told the Commons during an emergency debate on the Official Secrets Act and the searches at the weekend by the Special Branch.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, strongly denied that any minister had sought to direct the police investigation into the case.

Opening the debate, **Mr Kaufman**, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said the House was debating events which took place during the past few days, but those events traced back their origins to many months ago.

It was in November 1985 that BBC Scotland commissioned Mr Duncan Campbell to make a six-part series called *The Secret Society*. Yesterday Mr Raymond Whitney (Wycombe, C) had traduced the BBC for engaging him, and Mr Campbell for being the kind of journalist that he was.

Mr Campbell certainly had a reputation for being troublesome, but he had been just as troublesome to Labour as to Conservative governments and there was no doubt he would be so again as soon as he was given the opportunity. That was the mark of an independent journalist (Conservative protests). The mark of an independent journalist was to be troublesome to everybody.

Mr Whitney, intervening, asked if Mr Kaufman was really saying that if he had been Home Secretary at the time he would not have been party to the prosecution conducted against Mr Campbell? Was he also saying that with a record like his, Mr Campbell was a suitable man to which BBC Scotland should have entrusted the making of a series of programmes on the secrets of the nation?

Mr Kaufman said that Mr Whitney had not listened to the exchanges earlier that day at Prime Minister's question time when Mrs Thatcher has made it clear that home secretaries were not parties to prosecutions (loud Labour laughter).

It was in June 1986 when Mr Campbell raised the secret Zircon project with Sir Ronald Mason, former chief scientist of the Ministry of Defence, and it was about this time that the Government became aware of the projected series.

The Prime Minister had confirmed that last week, when she also said that the Government became aware of the intention to include specific material on a secret defence project in October 1986.

That was four months ago and it was then that alarm bells should have been ringing in the Ministry of Defence, in the Attorney General's office and in Downing Street.

If specific material relating to a secret defence project was known to be in the possession of Mr Campbell and others in October 1986, surely that was the time when in the interests of national security Mr Campbell and others should have been questioned, warrants should have been issued, any necessary searches should have been made and, if appropriate, persons should have been charged under the Official Secrets Act.

But none of those actions was taken. Instead, discussions had taken place between the Government and the BBC, which subsequently decided on the ground of national security not to show the programme.

So all the Government had done to protect national security was to have a friendly chat with the BBC. Secret material would still have been available to numerous non-authorized persons, none of whom, including Mr Campbell, was questioned, let alone charged. That, surely, was a culpably negligent way in which to treat secret material affecting national security.

The Government knew by then that five other programmes formed part of the *Secret Society* series, yet it had expressed no concern about them. There had been no discussion with the BBC about them, no request to the BBC not to show any or all of these five programmes.

Last week the Prime Minister had sought credit for the Government's action when she boasted that after successful discussions between the Government and the BBC, the BBC had agreed not to show specific material on the secret defence project.

"If the Government was as successful as the Prime Minister claims, then presumably the success was complete, since presumably it had no other concerns about the *Secret Society* programme and presumably no misgivings about secret matters in the other five programmes in this series."

On January 22 the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, had invited Mr Kinnock and other colleagues to a secret briefing on the Zircon project, after which members of the Opposition accepted that national security was involved in the material of the programme.

Acceptance of that contention had been used for partisan purposes by the Government earlier in Prime Minister's question time, but characteristically the Prime Minister had not acknowledged Mr Kinnock's concern for national security (Conservative laughter).

While none of his colleagues would contemplate revealing what had been communicated at that secret briefing, they were free to disclose what had not been said, and no indication had been given that national security had been involved in any way in any of the other five programmes.

That was not surprising in view of the subjects for the other programmes: data, powers of the government in war, police, radar and the work of certain Cabinet committees.

The question which had to be answered was: Why, when it had been known for months that Mr Campbell was in possession of secret material, which the Government regarded as damaging to national security, no action was taken until two weeks ago?

Immediately before the emergency debate began, two Conservative backbenchers complained about the BBC deciding to broadcast it live on the radio without consulting the House.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that the BBC was a participant in this controversy and therefore had a vested interest in having the debate broadcast and giving it perhaps a disproportionate amount of publicity.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that if they felt strongly about the issue their proper course was to bring it to the attention of the broadcasting committee. He thought there was a great deal of interest in this matter both in the House and in the country at large.

Plenty of jobs in long term

EMPLOYMENT

The latest unemployment trend was downwards and a return to full employment was perfectly possible in the long term if growth, low inflation, good industrial relations and the creation of additional jobs could all be sustained, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General and Minister for Employment, said during Commons questions.

Over the past six months the trend in seasonally adjusted unemployment had been firmly downwards and the average monthly decrease over that period had been 17,000.

The performance over the past three months had been the best performance for any three-month period in the past 14 years.

Unemployment had been falling all over the country, but the fastest rate of fall had been in the North, the North-west, the West Midlands and Wales, and that was very good news, he said in reply to Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C).

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab) said that the record showed that in each of the seven years in which the Government had pursued monetarist policies unemployment had soared. But since the Chancellor's U-turn, or body swerve, in the most recent autumn statement, when public expenditure had been increased, unemployment had reached a plateau and had now started to dip very slightly.

Did that not show that the Government had been wrong for seven years and that as soon as it made a small movement towards implementing Opposition policies there had been an improvement?

Mr Clarke said that that was an original interpretation but in fact the total number of people working had been steadily rising since 1983 and Britain was now experiencing a sustained recovery that was steadily producing more jobs.

He did not think the Government's public spending plans could be described as Opposition policies because Labour wanted to spend £10 billion, and most of that would go on creating new jobs in the country's more left-wing town halls.

Mr John Evans, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said the whole nation would welcome a genuine reduction in unemployment but the recent trends were more to do with fiddling the figures.

Could the House be given some idea of the timescale envisaged when the Prime Minister recently promised a return to full employment?

Mr Clarke said that Mrs Thatcher had said that she saw no reason why they should not look in the long term towards full employment. If growth could be sustained and low inflation, good industrial relations and the creation of additional jobs could be continued that was perfectly possible, but it did require a sustained recovery for a long time yet.

● It would be irresponsible of Labour to oppose the new Job Training Scheme for party political reasons because that would dissuade some long-term unemployed people from taking advantage of it, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General, said during Commons questions.

He said that an interim evaluation of the scheme was under way and monitoring would continue as the pilot schemes were extended nationally.

Miss Clare Short, an Opposition spokesman on employment, accused Mr Clarke of not monitoring the pilot schemes before going for expansion because he wanted to get down the unemployment figures rather than help the unemployed. Proper training was impossible, given the money available, she said.

Mr Clarke denied the allegation on monitoring. He said that the drop-out rate was about 17 per cent and that included many who had gone to jobs.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

How should their European allies be trying to influence American disarmament policy now that the various East-West negotiations are running again? Usually European governments have concentrated on persuading the United States to negotiate positively. "Europe wants a deal" is the message that has been heard most clearly and insistently in Washington.

This is the message that Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, was sending in unmistakable fashion over the weekend. "Let us take Gorbachov seriously", he proclaimed; "let us take Gorbachov at his word".

But European governments have always had another concern about disarmament policy which surfaces from time to time: that the United States should not make an agreement with the Soviet Union that neglects European interests. This anxiety was very evident after Reykjavik.

Two causes for European alarm

There were two causes for European alarm in what happened there. The United States was prepared to contemplate absurdly sweeping and unrealistic agreements, and parts of the package would have weakened the credibility of the American commitment to Europe. Could the United States really defend Western Europe against the superior conventional forces of the East if it had given up all ballistic missiles and taken home all its Euro missiles?

So it became a European interest to draw President Reagan back from the Reykjavik precipice as much as to push him forward in other directions. That was the purpose of Mrs Thatcher's visit to Camp David in November.

She managed to persuade Mr Reagan in effect to put on ice the idea of eliminating all ballistic missiles after 10 years. At the same time she endorsed the proposal to cut all strategic nuclear forces by 50 per cent and she went along with the proposition to withdraw all medium-range missiles from both East and West Europe.

The British position was put more directly by Sir Geoffrey Howe in a speech to the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London last week. He made quite specific his disapproval of such visions as eliminating all ballistic missiles (the American formulation) or all strategic offensive weapons (the Soviet version).

Neither idea is realistic. Neither promise by either side would be believed by the other. If such an agreement were ever made it would be ineffective.

Sir Geoffrey's speech has subsequently attracted the fire of Mr Richard Perle, President Reagan's powerful Assistant Secretary of Defence, who has been on a European visit. It is hard for the layman to form a judgement on Mr Perle's specific complaint: that Britain would be prepared to accept inadequate arrangements for verifying a ban on chemical weapons.

But such public strictures do not come well from a member of an Administration that itself negotiated with such a lack of rigour at Reykjavik. The British Government has if anything, accepted too much of the American negotiating position there.

Mrs Thatcher evidently feels that she is committed to the zero-zero option on European missiles. But it is not in Western Europe's interest to remove all medium-range missiles from Europe so long as the Soviet Union is permitted to keep a hundred SS20s in Asia.

Reagan eager for settlement

Even a cut of 50 per cent in strategic forces would require extremely careful negotiation. The difficulty is that the American Administration may be in no mood at this time to take such care.

President Reagan is probably eager for a major settlement, partly because in his heart he does believe in the elimination of nuclear weapons and partly because it would divert attention from Irangate.

European leaders should therefore, it seems to me, be careful what advice they press upon Washington at this time. It might become as necessary to hold Mr Reagan back from a bad settlement as to push him forward to a good one.

Lord Scarman's warning

Alienation putting society in danger

The following report of a Lords debate on the inner cities appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

A warning about about the future of British society if the alienation of disadvantaged people, particularly in the inner cities, was allowed to continue, was given in the House of Lords by Lord Scarman (Ind).

In the debate, he said: "Those suffering these disadvantages, a suffering greatly enhanced by the existence in our inner cities of racial disadvantage and prejudice, are in danger of being alienated from the mainstream of British society.

"If we allow that alienation to develop or to become a sturdy weed in our society, I fear for the future of the country."

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said that the stagnant breeding ground of all these troubles had been the town planners' dream of the 1950s and 1960s, the municipal madness of the tower blocks and soulless housing estates.

"The problem has not been lack of policies, nor the lack of money. Central government is spending money in our inner cities, more than £700 million this year in the inner city partnership areas alone, on employment, the environment and industry programmes.

"The authorities are spending vast sums, too. How well and wisely I am content to leave the Audit Commission to judge."

Lady David, for the Opposition, said a home was the most basic need but hundreds of thousands did not have one. About 1.2 million were on local authority waiting lists. Everyone but the Government seemed convinced that more resources were needed.

"The Government remained complacent and hearing Lord Young's speech I did not somehow get the feeling that he had really got a hold on the problems. It did not have much vision. The Government is not yet aware of the disintegration which is not far off, the loss of hope and morale, particularly among the young.

"The resources it is putting into solving the problem are pathetically inadequate. I hope we will now bring the Government face-to-face with reality and persuade it to take the measures which alone can stave off what I fear could be terrifying consequences ahead."

Lord Bonham-Carter said that with high unemployment and a shortage of housing in an area of mixed population it was not surprising that Tower Hamlets had a disgraceful number of racially motivated attacks. It was the prime responsibility of the Government.

It was an irony that Tower Hamlets and the City of London lay cheek by jowl. "The only characteristic they share", he said to laughter, "is that neither is notably law abiding. Whereas one has suffered neglect at the hands of the Government the other has basked in the sunshine of its approval until it went a bit too far."

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said that frustration, lack of hope and a sense of powerlessness were an inflammable mixture which could be ignited all too easily in Britain's deprived inner city areas.

"Our society is in real danger if a significant group in it comes to feel that the way to obtain change is to opt out of the written and unwritten rules and relationships that maintain our social patterns and succumb instead to forces of unreason and despair".

He was unrepentant about drawing attention to the issues facing the urban areas in the report *Faith in the City*. It painted a convincing and worrying picture of a divided society, and one where the divisions were widening.

Lord Soper (Lab) said there was a need for an infusion of money to improve the appearance of inner cities. Only when that money had been expended could the next stage be tackled. That should be approached together with the voluntary efforts of the Christian churches. Privatization was not the answer; it represented the very denial of responsibility or fellowship.

The Earl of Longford (Lab) said that the Thatcherite doctrine was that the country wanted more inequality and that was what it was getting.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, said that if massive unemployment and urban deprivation, the running sore in the side of the nation, could be helped by only 4p in the pound on income tax, they should thank God and get on with it. Some were urging the Chancellor actually to reduce income tax by about that amount.

"If that is the choice can there even be two ways about it?" Some information suggested that higher spending for the needy would be more popular than lower taxes.

Westminster and Liverpool town hall bore some responsibility for the confrontations in Liverpool and he wanted partnership again: it was the key to so much.

He acknowledged that the Government had continued substantially with project funding, but questions had been raised which required a broader, deeper answer.

Second Trident submarine contract likely this year

The following report of a Commons debate on the Royal Navy appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The Government expected to place the contract for its second Trident submarine later this year, **Mr John Stanley**, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said when opening a debate on the Royal Navy.

Mr Martin O'Neill, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said that there was a continuing and consistent crisis of funding within the Navy created in large measure by the Government's commitment to Trident. In the light of that the Opposition welcomed any reduction in the cost of the Trident programme.

Secret British sonar equipment may or may not be in the posesseion of the Soviet Union, but what was HMS Splendid doing in the Barents Sea? It was clear that there had been a shift in the British contribution to the Nato maritime strategy.

Traditionally, the main function of SSNs was to protect sea lanes. It had never been clear that they were locked into the offensive strategies of the US Navy, in particular as part of Britain's Nato role.

The Government should indicate whether there had been such a change in the British involvement in Nato strategy regarding that area.

The activities in the Barents Sea were likely to bring the possibility of nuclear war closer.

Sir Edward du Cann (Taunton, C) said that without a strong merchant navy, Britain could be held to ransom by its enemies in peacetime.

There must be doubts about whether the British merchant fleet was adequate to fulfil the roles foreseen for it in times of conflict.

Of the 54 merchant ships requisitioned for use during the Falklands conflict, more than half had been sold and it would be impossible to mount another Falklands operation today.

The apparent complacency of ministers was remarkable. The Prime Minister had recently said that there were sufficient merchant ships to meet Ministry of Defence requirements. That was demonstrably untrue.

There was a crisis. It was no good pretending otherwise. There were the gravest implications from a defence point of view.

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab), the former Prime Minister, said that there had been an unprecedented decline in the size, strength and manpower of Britain's merchant navy and there were serious consequences for long-term security and national wellbeing.

Never in this century had Britain had a smaller merchant fleet or fewer seafarers.

On any one day of a conventional war, there were 300 merchant ships loading and unloading in British ports. To keep Britain suplied would require 1,500 ship loads a month across the Atlantic.

Sir Patrick Wall (Beverley, C) said that, despite what had been said in the past, the Government had done nothing about the state of the merchant navy.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP), Alliance spokesman on defence, called for a statement on the loss of HMS Splendid's sonar sensor equipment. Reports that the Russians had deliberately severed the cable were implausible because even if the equipment could be recovered, it would have been of limited benefit to the Russians.

Mr Neville Trotter (Tynemouth, C) said that the House had to press upon the Government the need for action to prevent further decline of the merchant navy. Economic forces were rapidly achieving what the U-boats had failed to achieve in two world wars.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Rate Support Grant Bill and Parliamentary and Health Service Commissioners Bill, second readings.

Lords (2.30): *Debate on problems affecting some local authorities.*

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Consultants' £8.2m fee to computerize collection of taxes

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Inland Revenue last year paid private consultants up to £136,000 each, excluding expenses, to help to computerize Britain's tax collecting system.

And they have since negotiated an increase of up to 63 per cent in their fees, which is likely to take the salaries of some experts near £200,000 this year.

A National Audit Office report yesterday disclosed that in 1985-86 a total of 159 consultants brought in to mastermind the switch to information technology (IT) were paid £8.2 million, with 29 of them collecting more than £100,000 each, and four receiving £136,240. This year the bill is expected to reach £11.5 million.

Their earnings averaged more than four times the cost of equivalent grades of staff within the Inland Revenue, and were topped up by additional payments for subsistence, travelling and "other expenses".

In spite of an internal review of the need for consultants and the scope for replacing them with Civil Servants, "it would be unrealistic to expect a significant reduction of numbers in the short term," the report says. The Inland Revenue was now "inextricably dependent" on Pactel and CSC, the two companies providing the experts.

Most of the consultants have been involved in the computerization of PAYE, the largest on-line project undertaken in Western Europe.

An Inland Revenue spokesman defended the large fees yesterday: "We have never been secretive about this. The people who get these sums have considerable, if not unique expertise.

"Putting all this together, keeping it on time and within budget was achieved by recognizing you need particular skills. If you don't have them within the Civil Service, you have to get them outside. It has been a case of getting a handful of people in the world who have the necessary experience."

The Inland Revenue spent £77.6 million on computers and other high technology equipment last year and about £25 million on information technology staffing.

But the report says that a lot of the consultancy costs were due to lack of adequately trained Civil Servants and the loss of others to better paid jobs in private industry. More than a third of the consultants employed early last year were not engaged on specialist work.

"General demand for IT staff has for many years outpaced supply, particularly in government departments, and despite measures to overcome these shortages the position is worsening."

The Inland Revenue has resorted to a wide range of recruitment measures in an attempt to fill vacancies "but numbers still fall well short of requirements". Last April the tax collectors were still short of 250 people needed to work with IT.

While the report praises the way the Inland Revenue has made the transfer to information technology, it says that potential savings and improved value for money could be put in jeopardy if staffing shortages are not remedied.

Ruling may end 'made in' labels

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Labels such as *Made in Taiwan* may become a thing of the past unless the Government can find a way around a European court ruling.

A clause on the end of the Consumer Protection Bill repeals the Trade Descriptions Act, which lays down that consumers must be able to see where goods are made.

The Bill, dealing mainly with product liability, is completing its passage through the Lords and is expected to receive the Royal Assent before the summer recess.

The European Court of Human Rights ordered the Government to repeal the Act as a barrier to trade between member states and so contrary to the Treaty of Rome.

Ministers are trying to find a compromise within the treaty, which will allow Britain to keep the legal requirement for goods to be marked with the country of origin.

One proposal is that goods *entering Britain from outside* the EEC could still be required to carry their country of origin. But such a provision could be bypassed by bringing in goods via a member state.

Some British manufacturers have been campaigning against revoking the Act. But neither the Confederation of British Industry nor the Consumers' Association is actively opposing the proposal.

Miss Barbara Walker, the CBI's head of commercial affairs, praised the Government's determined fight in Brussels but spoke out against changing the law within an unrelated Bill.

"What business needs is honest, wholesome legislation with no noxious additives. It needs it properly labelled with full disclosure of its contents and instructions for use, such as will cause no adverse reactions, and will bring positive consumer satisfaction.

"These are the standards to which business and the CBI have to work for their customers, why not the legislators too?"

When the law is changed the CBI is advising firms to market their goods as *Made in Britain*; check the country of origin of products they buy; and tell the confederation if there is unfair competition from unmarked foreign goods.

The Consumers' Association said that it was against a mandatory requirement for goods to state where they were made. It believed that where it was relevant or important for consumers to know the country of origin, manufacturers will make it their business to carry a label.

Students ban furs on campus

Students at Exeter University have banned the wearing of furs on campus after unanimously agreeing to a resolution condemning the fur trade.

The move effectively commits them to take a leading role in efforts to abolish the trade.

Notices declaring the university "A Fur Free Zone" have been posted and people have been warned that they face eviction, if they wear furs.

The action is believed to be the first of its kind by a British university, although students at King's College, Cambridge, have already put their bar out-of-bounds to those wearing furs.

Exeter University's Guild of Students agreed to initiate the campaign among its 6,000 members after a motion moved by Miss Sally Knocker, aged 21.

● The Animal Liberation Front yesterday claimed that seven leading stores had stopped selling furs as a result of attacks on their premises during the past 12 months.

£110m project for expansion of airport

Plans for a £110 million expansion of Glasgow airport, which include doubling the size of the passenger terminal, were unveiled yesterday.

The project also features a new walkway from the terminal to international flights, a new airport road and another airport hotel.

Scottish Airports Ltd, which also manages Edinburgh, Prestwick and Aberdeen airports, has applied for outline planning permission.

'Resign' call to county head

Parents of pupils at a public school which went bankrupt with estimated debts of nearly half a million pounds called yesterday for the resignation of Captain Thomas Dunne as Lord Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester.

*Captain Dunne was chair*man of the governors of Lucton School in Hereford and Worcester.

Rastafarian in election move

Kuomba Balogun, a Rastafarian community leader in St Paul's, Bristol, has been shortlisted as a possible Labour candidate for the city council.

Mr Balogun, aged 25, was convicted of assaulting two policemen during last year's drug raids in the city. His three-month suspended jail sentence was later reduced to two months on appeal.

Liberal on secrets charge

By Craig Seton

A former Liberal councillor alleged to have obtained confidential social security files to smear a Labour Party rival, appeared at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday charged under section two of the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Stephen Kirkham, aged 31, was accused of unlawfully obtaining details of claims for supplementary benefit made by Mrs Carole McKeown, a Labour councillor in the Kingsbury ward of Birmingham City Council, where he was a Liberal councillor.

Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Kirkham's plan was to jeopardize Labour's chances in the 1984 local elections.

He said Mr Kirkham approached his former election agent and Liberal supporter, Miss Catherine Purcell, who worked as a typist at the DHSS office in Erdington. She stayed behind at work one night and photocopied files.

Mr Kirkham, of Grange Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, denied the charge.

The case continues today.

Dividends return to the Co-op

The Co-op "divi", replaced in the late 1960s by dividend stamps, is coming back (Derek Harris writes).

The scheme, announced for Scotland yesterday and due in parts of the South-east in April, will mean discounts of up to 10 per cent off a wide range of goods from package holidays to cars and services that include driving lessons and funerals.

There will also be regular cash vouchers to set against shopping bills, initially two of £1 each month which can be used if a bill is £10 or more.

But to gain the privileges shoppers will have to become Co-op members by paying £1. The old dividend payments, paid retrospectively usually at the rate of a shilling for every pound spent, were also linked to Co-op membership.

The new dividend is the inspiration of the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) which with its CIS insurance arm and Co-operative Bank subsidiary is the financial powerhouse.

The prime target of the new drive is young married couples.

Remand changes attacked

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The prison population will be forced up by Home Office proposals which will deny remand prisoners historic rights, the Prison Reform Trust claimed yesterday.

The trust's criticism is part of mounting concern about government moves to extend the maximum period of a remand in custody from eight to 28 days, before another court appearance. Opportunities for bail will be reduced, the trust argues.

Commenting on a Home Office discussion paper, the trust says there will be an increase in waiting time for trial and the number of defendants unnecessarily remanded in custody.

Regular remand hearings are an essential safeguard ensuring contact with lawyers and an opportunity to evaluate applications for bail.

"The Home Office discussion document proposes to remove these benefits from defendants in the interests of administrative convenience and cost-cutting. This does not appear to us to be a proper basis for removing an historic right from accused persons."

Dr Stephen Shaw, the trust's director, said yesterday: "The Government's proposal to extend the period of custodial remands is a shocking indictment of a system which places administrative convenience above the rights of people considered innocent in the eyes of the law".

The trust argues that regular court appearances enable lawyers to re-evaluate cases to see if new applications for bail should be made; they ensure that courts consider remand decisions and the progress of cases with the utmost attention and provide visible evidence of the defendant's well-being.

● There has been a big increase in the number of teenage boys who receive custodial sentences in Wales, according to a Welsh Office report released yesterday.

It discloses that in the three years up to 1984 the number of boys aged between 14 and 16 who were given custodial sentences rose by 44 per cent.

'Conmen planned to place dud cheques'

A former Texas convict who ran two bogus banks on the West Indies island of Montserrat teamed up with two men to "litter London with dud cheques and money orders", a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday.

One of the men, Gianni de Simone, attempted to buy "a $10 million building" in Knightsbridge with his friend Sebastiano Saia, with a deposit of about $1 million, according to Mr Michael Worsley, QC.

For some months Alexandron Protti, who called himself Count Protti, was staying at the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly while he and his two friends were trying to impress shopkeepers and business men with titles they adopted, such as knight, count or baron, Mr Worsley said.

Mr Simone, aged 40, of Darien House, Darien Road, Battersea, south-west London, and Mr Saia, aged 39, of Baker's Mews, Manchester Square, Marylebone, central London, both described as financial consultants, variously pleaded not guilty to 10 charges of attempting to obtain by deception property, including two gold watches from Cartier, money, including $64,615, and documents concerning loan agreements in 1985. Mr Protti, the Texan, has not been arrested.

They further deny dishonestly attempting to obtain a cheque from the Swiss Bank Corporation on July 4, 1985, by falsely representing that they were legitimately concerned in the £9.5 million sale of 6 Prince's Gate.

Mr Worsley said that Mr Protti and the two defendants also pretended, during their career as confidence tricksters in London, that they were members of the Knights of the Maltese Order of St John.

The hearing continues.

Johnny Morris, the broadcaster, being taken for a walk yesterday by a Burmese mountain dog, a *basset hound and Sugar, Adrian Mole's television mongrel.* He was helping to launch an RSPCA appeal involving "sponsored walkies" by schools (Photograph; Peter Trievnor).

PhD blacklist is extended

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Half the PhD students supported by the Economic and Social Research Council do not complete their theses, according to Sir Douglas Hague, the council's chairman.

Every year the council offers grants worth £15,000 to up to 300 students, who are each supposed to complete a thesis within four years. Until recently only a quarter met the deadline.

In 1985 the council blacklisted nine universities and polytechnics where fewer than one in 10 PhD students submitted a thesis within four years.

Sir Douglas said that from this year support would be denied to students at institutions where fewer than a quarter of those funded by the EFRC were meeting the deadline. Next year the threshold would be raised to 40 per cent.

This year's sanction means that 11 more universities and two polytechnics have been added to the blacklist. The universities include Bath, where only 13 per cent of PhD students are submitting a thesis on time; Bristol (21 per cent); City (20 per cent); Leicester (10 per cent) and Sussex (15 per cent). Sir Douglas described the performance of ESRC students as appalling and blamed university lecturers for "condoning a casual approach" to the supervision of research students.

But he said that his tough policy had been vindicated by a dramatic improvement in the proportion of students who are meeting the deadline.

Army may pull down Balmoral mansion

The Queen is offering a derelict mansion house near Balmoral in the Highlands to the Territorial Army for demolition practice.

Delnadamph Lodge, 50 miles west of Aberdeen, has lain empty since it was bought seven years ago as part of a £1 million land deal. At one stage it was thought it would be given to the Prince and Princess of Wales as a wedding present.

But the 12-bedroom mansion has remained unoccupied and fallen into disrepair. Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that the demolition of the Victorian hunting lodge was being considered.

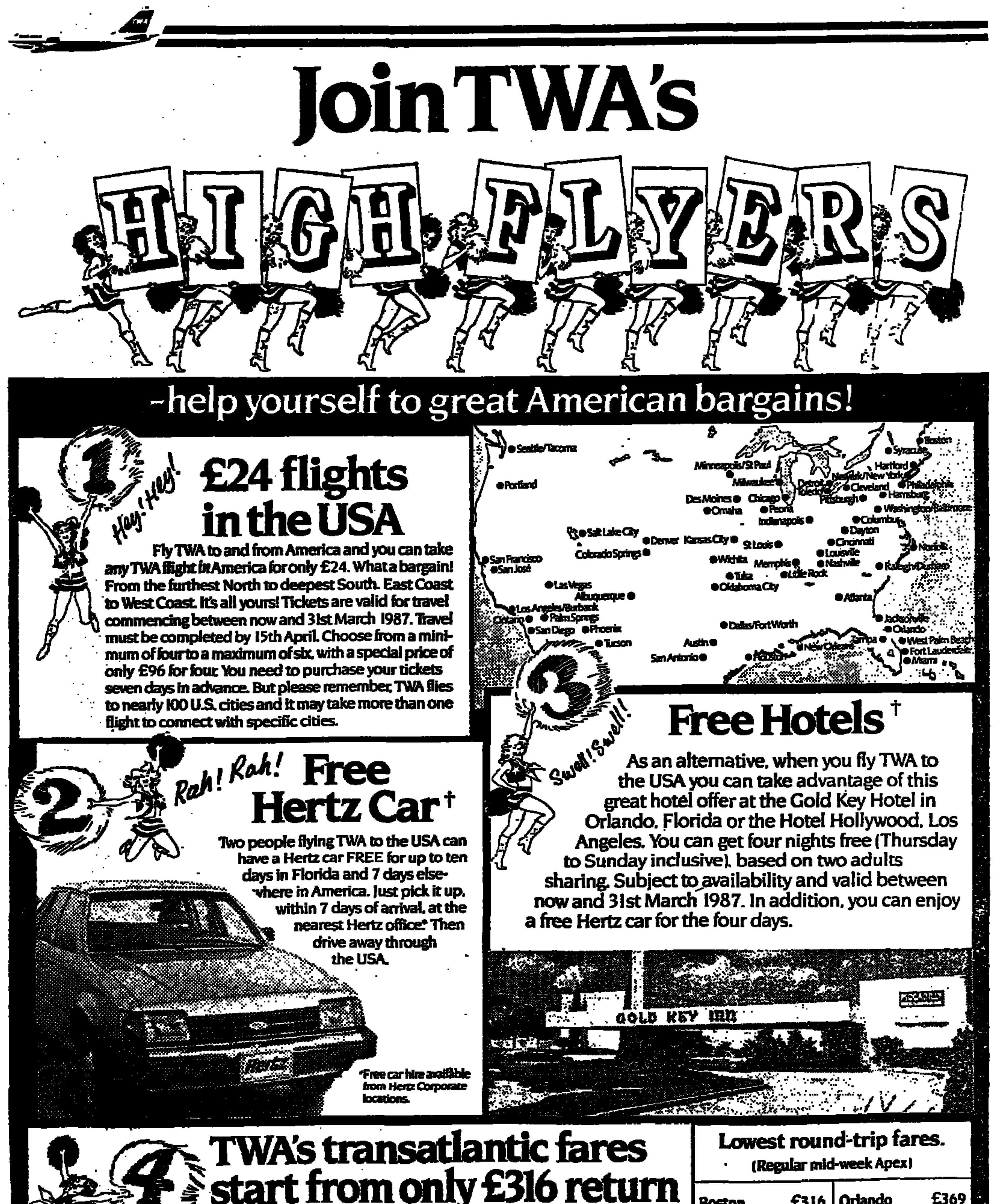
An Army *spokesman in* Edinburgh said that the job was being offered to the Royal Engineers as a training exercise.

"The work would be carried out free of charge by the Territorials. It would come under our military aid to the civil community scheme, where we only charge expenses such as petrol and materials," he said.

The seven-acre Delnadamph sporting estate has been incorporated into neighbouring Balmoral. The empty lodge and several cottages went with the land.

A spokesman for Gordon District Council said the lodge was not a listed building and there was unlikely to be any objection to a demolition warrant.

Mr Nigel Lindsay, a housing advice worker for the Shelter campaign for the homeless in Aberdeen, said that while the lodge would be of no use to the campaign, "there has been a tradition in the last 200 years in the Highlands of landowners demolishing houses when they get in the way of country pursuits. This seems to be another example."



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WORLD SUMMARY

CIA chief faces Irangate quiz

Washington – Mr Robert Gates, below, nominated by President Reagan as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, faces tough questioning at Senate confirmation hearings on his role in the Iran arms fiasco (Christopher Thomas writes). But the choice of Mr Gates is obviously popular on both sides of Congress and his confirmation is *virtually* assured.

A Senate intelligence committee report made public last week showed that Mr Gates, aged 43, attended several top level meetings at which Iran policy was discussed. He testified that he knew of the Iran-Contra connection as early as October 7, six weeks before it was disclosed by Mr Edwin Meese, the US Attorney-General.

Some members of Congress have argued that the CIA violated the law by failing to inform congressional intelligence committees about the channelling of funds for the Nicaraguan Contras. Mr Gates is certain to be asked why he did not inform Congress. He drew strong praise from both sides of Capitol Hill yesterday as a skilled politician with a reputation for innovation.

Corruption charges

Moscow (Reuter) – The Kremlin yesterday confirmed that Mr Yuri Churbanov, son-in-law of Leonid Brezhnev, the former Soviet leader, has been arrested and is under investigation on charges of corruption.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, *head of the Foreign Ministry's* Information Directorate, told a news briefing that Mr Churbanov, a former first deputy Minister of the Interior, was "accused of corruption and bribe-taking".

Mr Churbanov, who is married to Brezhnev's daughter Galina, was removed from his post in December 1984, two years after his father-in-law's death, and given a minor job at the ministry.

Analysts said the decision to order his arrest was clearly sanctioned at the highest level in the Kremlin. Last week the Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachov, bitterly criticized what he termed the moral decay of the last years of Brezhnev's rule.

EEC Aids network

Brussels (Reuter) – The European Community's executive Commission announced *plans* yesterday to set up a joint anti-Aids campaign with African countries affected.

Signor Lorenzo Natali, the Commissioner in charge of development, said collaboration was essential on research and preventive action.

The joint programme would tighten control at blood banks in certain African states, provide medical equipment and set up links between laboratories.

Sakharov study

Boston (AP) – Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet dissident, is working to *determine the circumstances* of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and to suggest ways to improve his country's nuclear plants.

After returning from Moscow, Mr Alexei Semyonov, his stepson, said the physicist was "almost exhausted" from his work on nuclear theory and his continuing human rights efforts.

Mr Semyonov, aged 30, did not elaborate on the nature of Dr Sakharov's work on Chernobyl.

Aircraft in near miss

Los Angeles – Just five months after an Aeromexico jet and a small plane collided over Los Angeles, killing 82 people, there was almost a recurrence at the weekend in virtually the same spot (Ivor Davis writes).

Mr Russell Parks, of the Federal Aviation Administration, said that Aeromexico flight 498, a DC 9 on the same flight that crashed in August, was coming in to land at some 6,000 ft in air space reserved for big jets, when it narrowly missed a Cessna which was not seen by traffic controllers. The aircraft passed with 300-500 ft.

Heysel arrest

Brussels (AFP) – The policeman in charge of operations at the Heysel Stadium on the night of the 1985 European Cup Final *tragedy* has been charged with manslaughter as investigations continue.

Captain Johan Mahieu joins two others already facing the same charge. They are Albert Roosens, *secretary* of the Belgian Football Union, and Major Michel Kensier, who was in charge of the police district at the time.

Afghan killing

Moscow (Reuter) – The head of Afghanistan's national reconciliation programme in a district of eastern Nangarhar province has been killed.

Tass reported that the man, Inayatullah, and his son were abducted and killed last Wednesday in a criminal action aimed at undermining the reconciliation process launched by Dr Najib, the Afghan Communist Party leader, in an effort to end the eight years of war.

Britain sets aside US criticism in bid for chemical weapons ban

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain's leading role in the search for an international ban on chemical weapons is to forge ahead despite a bitter attack on Whitehall's proposals by a right-wing member of the US Administration.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and a senior Soviet official, Mr Vadim *Zagladin*, agreed in discussions at the Foreign Office yesterday that the time was ripe for progress towards the ban.

It will almost certainly be discussed between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov during the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow at the end of March.

The Soviet Union has reaffirmed its willingness to treat the British compromise plan on chemical weapons as the basis for discussion. The US Administration has yet to take a view, but Mr Richard Perle, the assistant US Defence Secretary, has strongly opposed it in two speeches. Mr Perle flew back to Washington yesterday *after* having failed to convince British officials of his arguments.

He opposed the whole concept of an international agreement, on the grounds that it would be impossible to enforce, and said that the West should equip itself to match Soviet capabilities.

He criticized Britain for having put forward a proposal which in effect watered down Washington's central demand *for an automatic right of* challenge. The US has proposed that if either side suspected cheating by the other it would be able to demand an immediate inspection. Moscow rejected this flatly.

Britain broke the deadlock by proposing a qualified right of challenge. Whitehall's initiative was first made in July, was broadly accepted by the Soviet Union in September and November, and was discussed this week at the resumed 40-nation conference on disarmament in Geneva.

Mr Perle said: "Even our British allies have urged an inspection scheme that is rather more to the Soviets' liking, because it would virtually guarantee that no timely inspection could be carried out."

He accused Britain and other allies of being too ready to compromise on arms control issues generally, and too unwilling to criticize Soviet violations of earlier treaties. *He charged Sir Geoffrey* implicitly with "mealy-mouthed evasion" when asked to criticize Moscow.

Mr Perle, aged 45, clashed with Mr Michael Heseltine, then Defence Secretary, in 1985 in similar circumstances. He wanted a forthright British condemnation of a new Soviet radar at Krasnoyarsk on the grounds that it would violate the 1972 ABM Treaty.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan agreed at their Camp David meeting in November that a chemical ban should be *Item 3 on their arms control priorities.*

Mr Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State, is visiting Moscow for discussions with Soviet analysts on international relations, US Embassy officials said yesterday (Reuter reports from Moscow). He is on a private visit with a delegation including Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, former Ambassador to the UN, and Mr Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State under former President Jimmy Carter.

"The first proposal put forward by the US on verification was unacceptable to the Soviet Union," the spokesman said. "We tried to break the log-jam." He said that the Foreign Office was perfectly satisfied that the British proposal would not result in a chemical weapons ban being unverifiable.

Other Whitehall sources emphasized that Mrs Thatcher would speak to Mr Gorbachov not as an intermediary but as a committed member of the Western alliance, and that they would talk in broad political terms rather than in details.

● **WASHINGTON:** In an unusual step, the White House has dissociated itself publicly from Mr Perle's criticism of Sir Geoffrey and of West European policy (Michael Binyon writes). It also said that Mr Perle's remarks on arms control did not represent the views of the Administration.

Mr Perle embarrassed the Administration and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, by suggesting that anyone who would contemplate a nuclear-free world was being silly and unrealistic. Such a proposal was made in Iceland by President Reagan.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, said that "on this occasion Richard did not represent the Administration's views". He said that the Munich symposium was designed to elicit candid and personal views, and Mr Perle took the opportunity to heart.

His remarks led to fierce argument at the annual defence symposium with Mr Michael Alexander, the British ambassador to Nato.

Mr Weinberger, who asserted on Monday that the Nato alliance was in fine shape, was said to be unhappy with his influential assistant's remarks.

Mr Perle himself has been hinting recently that he intends to resign soon, and has now told Mr Weinberger of his intentions. A White House *official said the resignation* was expected "imminently", but Mr Fitzwater said yesterday he had not received any word or official indication.

Mr Perle has threatened to leave in the past, but even*tually changed his mind. Last* year he was circulating an outline for a novel that appeared to be a fictionalized account of his clashes with Mr Richard Burt, the former assistant Secretary of State for European affairs.

Publishers were offering bids of over £200,000, but Mr Perle withdrew the book after criticism that he could not continue in office if he accepted such a contract.

Pravda gives West a voice

Moscow (Reuter) – *Pravda* introduced yesterday a new feature on international affairs and published the full text of an article by Senator Robert Dole of the United States proclaiming the Salt 2 treaty dead.

The Communist Party paper said that the column, titled "Looking from different angles", would appear regularly with comments by Western politicians on current affairs and replies from Soviet analysts.

Pravda has increasingly given space to Western figures in recent months in a policy change reflecting the Kremlin's *glasnost* (openness) drive. The Western commentaries are always balanced by the *Soviet point of view.*

Yesterday's edition gave equal space to Senator Dole, whose article was first published in *The New York Times* on January 18, and to *Pravda's* international commentator, Nikolai Kurdyumov.

Senator Dole, the Republican leader in the Senate, began by conjuring up the image of Frankenstein, saying that his monster could serve as a useful reminder of the dangers of trying to revive a corpse. "Salt 2 is dead and buried," he declared, referring to the US decision to breach the unratified 1979 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty by deploying its 131st B 52 bomber armed with cruise missiles last November.

Though the Americans "have their hands tied", arms control negotiators are "for the first time working with paper and pencils" on proposals for controlling nuclear ballistic, medium-range and space weapons, Mr Yuli Vorontsov, head of the Soviet delegation, said yesterday (Alan McGregor writes from Geneva). The seventh round of arms talks began last month.

He accused Moscow of having violated Salt 2 flagrantly by deploying two new types of missile, and said that Democrats urging continued observance of the treaty were undermining the chances for the conclusion of a new arms pact.

In his reply, Mr Kurdyumov said *that* Senator *Dole* had cast himself in the unenviable role of gravedigger, and resorted to disinformation and gross falsification to justify the Reagan Administration's abandonment of Salt 2.

Refuting the charge of a Soviet arms build-up, he said that figures presented by Moscow at the Reykjavik summit meeting in October showed that the US had nearly one and a half times as many nuclear warheads as did the Soviet Union.

Mr Kurdyumov repeated Moscow's contention that the new Soviet SS 24 missile was deployed under the terms of the treaty.

"It is universally recognized that observance of the Salt 2 treaty guaranteed strategic stability," Mr Kurdyumov wrote. He noted a Kremlin decision to continue observing Salt 2 and said that Senator Dole's contention that Soviet leaders viewed the arms pact as outdated was false.

Kidnap protest in Beirut

Women demonstrating at Beirut University College against the kidnap of four US teachers.

Muslim militias ordered to prepare for attack by US

By Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

The kidnappers of four foreign hostages yesterday called on all Muslim militias in Lebanon *to prepare for a possible* military strike by the United States, and repeated their threats to kill the captives.

The organization, calling itself the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, which *is holding three American* teachers and an Indian-born professor, said it had moved them to another secret hideout to prevent a rescue operation.

"Information available indicates that Washington in*tends to carry out a military* attack on the centres of the Islamic forces under the pretext of fighting terrorism and freeing hostages," a statement by the group said.

A photograph of Mr Alann Steen, one of the abducted Beirut University College teachers, accompanied the warning, which was delivered to the *an-Nahar* newspaper only a day after another group, the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad organization, warned that military action by the United States in Lebanon or in the Gulf would inevitably result in the death of two other American hostages.

The alleged movement of captives by the first group came as US warships were reported steaming closer to Lebanon amid a series of detailed but conflicting reports about the strength of the American task force, which is led by the aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz.

***According to reports from* Cyprus, the Nimitz, nine escort ships and the helicopter carrier Saipan, with 30 helicopters aboard, were yesterday south of the island. The presence of 1,900 marines and commandos in the eastern Mediterranean has suggested that a seaborne landing in Lebanon could be an American contingency plan.**

Other reports said that the aircraft carrier John F Kennedy and nine escort ships were on their way from Malaga. The Americans have made clear that the task force is on standby in the event that Washington should choose to respond to the hostage crisis with military action.

Mr Hussein Moussavi, a pro-Iranian Shia Muslim leader in Baalbek, said that Islamic forces were ready to confront the Americans. Washington "would pay dearly" for any military action in Lebanon.

"We *challenge the US to* send a couple of hundred of their best fighters into Lebanon to have face-to-face combat with our Muslim fighters," he said.

According to Mr Moussavi, an *American attack would* achieve as little as previous assaults by the US and France in the Bekaa Valley in 1984.

The Muslim sector of Beirut and the population of southern Lebanon yesterday observed a one-day strike against the abduction of the four teachers. Students marched through west Beirut to condemn the kidnappings and small groups chanted anti-Israeli slogans.

● Telephones hit: Lebanon's telex and telephone links with the outside world were badly disrupted yesterday by technical problems aggravated by a strike in west Beirut (Reuter reports).

● NASHVILLE: The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has asked the State Department to exempt its missionaries from an order that all Americans leave Lebanon (AP reports).

Shultz speaks out for held reporter

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has expressed his concern and support for Gerald Seib, the correspondent of *The Wall Street Journal* held in Iran, and the United States is making strong efforts to get him released immediately.

The State Department is seeking information about the reasons for his detention and is working through various diplomatic channels, as well as through the Swiss Embassy in Tehran.

It has asked the Swiss to protest about Mr Seib's detention and is demanding his immediate release. Switzerland handles US interests in Iran since Washington broke off relations with Tehran in 1979.

Mr Seib was detained by the Iranian authorities in Tehran on Saturday.

Editors and executives of *The Wall Street Journal* met Mr Shultz on Monday. The Secretary of State expressed his concern and support for Mr Seib, the newspaper reported yesterday.

Senator Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader, called for Mr Seib's immediate release.

In a statement, he said: "Judging from reports, there is absolutely no reason why this journalist should be detained. He is a fully credentialled, working journalist – and a darn good one, according to his colleagues. So today we send this message to Tehran, loud and clear: Release Gerald Seib now – immediately and unconditionally – so he can rejoin his wife and family."

Mr Seib had spent 10 days in Iran as part of a group of 57 correspondents who were invited by Iran to tour the front.

● **BAGHDAD:** Iraq sent warplanes to make retaliatory raids on Iranian cities yesterday, one hour after a missilesmashed into Baghdad (Reuter reports).

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Senator's $10,000 croissants

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The most expensive breakfast that Washington has ever known is on offer from Senator Lloyd Bentsen, a Demo*crat from Texas. He is inviting* people for croissants and coffee once a month throughout 1987 and 1988 at a cost of $10,000 a head, to be donated to his re-election campaign fund.

The first of the 8 am get-togethers was packed last week, and so far at least 40 people have signed up to attend the breakfasts regularly. The Senator is the new finance committee chairman. In Washington, political power ensures access to fabulous amounts of political money.

He has formed a Chairman's Council, membership of which is ensured by guests' payment for breakfast. "I will *be relying on members of the* Chairman's Council for advice, assistance and early financial support crucial to a successful campaign," he wrote to lobbyists and political action committees.

He told the first breakfast meeting that the aim of the council "is to talk about matters of trade and taxation and anything anyone wants to raise".

Political action committees are allowed to give a candidate *a maximum of $5,000 for the* primary race and another $5,000 for a general election. So Senator Bentsen's price tag goes to the limit of the law.

Young film star moves on to tackle Beethoven

West Boylston, Massachusetts (AP) – Alicia Witt, above, who spoke her first word at one month, quoted Shakespeare at 12 months and starred in the film *Dune* at seven, has found a new challenge at the age of 11.

She now plays anything from Mozart sonatas to Broadway ballads at a cafeteria to pay for her budding career as a concert pianist.

Her mother, Mrs Diane Witt, said that Alicia has won every piano competition she has entered after only three years of classical training. But on the salary of her father, a *teacher, the family cannot* travel far to contests.

Alicia said "hi" at one month old and began reading at seven months. At two years she knew the names of every member of the US Cabinet and shocked an Internal Revenue Service agent who visited the *house by reading* aloud a tax guide, Mrs Witt said.

A published photograph of the toddler engrossed in a women's magazine led to articles about her talents and to appearances on television. Her horticultural studies have led her to grow prize-winning roses and she has written 100 pages of notes on a house spider's mating habits.

She had never seen a film when the family flew to Mexico for the filming of *Dune. She was cast in the role of a* child born with the memory of several generations because she charmed the director with a recitation of state capitals.

Pretoria election campaign focuses on sanctions

From Michael Hornsby Cape Town

Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, South Africa's Foreign Min*ister, said yesterday that* rejection of foreign interference in his country's affairs would form one of the Government's main planks in its general election campaign.

Mr Botha said that he *detected "a strong anti-United* States feeling" here, and that he was confident the ruling National Party (NP) would win an even bigger majority in the House of Assembly, the white chamber of Parliament, than it has now on May 6.

"We should send a good signal to the outside world through a good victory in this election that the white electorate at least stands behind this government . . . (and that) there is no way that they are going to break us with sanctions measures," Mr Botha declared.

Strong support for the NP in the election could also "have the effect of persuading black leaders that this is the element *in the white electorate with* whom they must negotiate".

Black leaders were holding back, he suggested, because of intimidation and a mistaken belief that the NP was losing support.

Mr Botha said that it was not far-fetched to blame the American sanctions measures for the violence of black against black in the townships and the reluctance of blacks to enter into talks.It was impossible, he asserted, for moderate black leaders here to appear more moderate than the US Congress.

"It is a tragedy that this powerful country, the United States, can send machines to the planets but when it comes to judging political affairs on earth, they are hopeless, they are absolutely hopeless," Mr Botha said.

The recent audience granted by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, to Mr Oliver Tambo, the president of the banned African National Congress (ANC) was "an evil thing". *Such contacts* would not have a moderating influence on the ANC. He said: "The ANC laughs at Shultz."

Mr Botha said that it was out of the question that Pretoria would negotiate with the ANC unless "the real African national elements break loose from, or get the upper hand" over Communist members of the organization.

Mr Botha said that the other main plank of the NP's election platform was its claim to be the only party that could ensure peace and stability by taking the tough security measures required and also to carry out necessary liberalizing reforms.

These, he said, would offer blacks participation in government but "participation without domination", which meant that there must be adequate protection for whites and other minorities.

Mr Botha firmly denied any sympathy for, or membership of, the so-called "New Nats" – a group of dissident government MPs said to favour negotiations with the ANC and abolition of the Group Areas Act and other remaining apartheid laws. He said that he saw no useful role for splinter groups in white politics.

Mr Botha declined to say whether he still held the view he expressed this time last year that the Government's reforms would be bound to lead in time to South Africa's having a black president – a remark which angered other members of the Cabinet.

"I am not prepared to discuss it. I'm not prepared to make any comment on it. I'm going into an election now. That is past history . . . I accepted the discipline the party meted out to me, and I accept and respect the President's right to discipline me," he said.

Mr Botha was forced to write a letter of apology to President Botha for having failed to clear his controversial views with the Cabinet before airing them in public.

Meanwhile, Mr Botha seems likely to face an unusual *personal challenge in his* Westdene constituency in Johannesburg where a retired chief interrogator of the security police says he will stand as an independent candidate against the Foreign Minister.

Former police brigadier, Mr Theunis "Rooi Rus" Swanepoel, aged 58, said he would be campaigning for more powers for the security forces.

"I've detained thousands in my time. I'd happily detain 10 times more. South Africa *needs my services again,*" he said.

Mr Swanepoel, whose Afrikaans nickname means "Red Russian", claimed the police were hamstrung by the restrictions placed on their freedom of action.

He said: "Their right hands are being tied behind their backs as they are thrown into the ring and told 'Fight, you bastards'."

Black police held after shootings

From Our Own Correspondent, Cape Town

Three black "special constables" have been suspended from duty and are in custody after a shooting incident on Monday night in the black township of Tanje, outside Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape, in which four people died and four were wounded.

A statement by the Police *Directorate of Public* Relations in Pretoria said "the justifiability of the actions of the special constables" was being urgently investigated.

The policemen were keeping watch on a school in the township. "Reports said they were shot at from a certain direction, whereupon they answered the fire and four people were killed and four wounded," the statement said.

The black force of "special constables" was formed last year for rapid deployment to black townships where there is unrest, to relieve pressure on regular police and army units.

"Special constables" are armed and sent on to the streets after a much shorter training period than are members of the regular police force. This may account for the unusual speed with which the three policemen were suspended from duty, and the investigation into their actions being made public.

The *"specials", regarded by* black militants as traitors and widely unpopular in the town*ships*, have been the targets of attack. One, Mr Solomon Kondlo, aged 33, was stoned to death and then burnt by a mob in the Guguletu township outside Cape Town early on Monday morning.

His relatives said yesterday he had been warned several times by militants to leave the force, which he joined in desperation after having failed to find work. *In December* petrol bombs were twice thrown at his home.

In Mdantsane, a sprawling black township in the Ciskei tribal homeland near East London, six people were hacked and bludgeoned to death and their bodies set alight with petrol-filled rubber tyres on Sunday night, according to press reports.

The killings, in which the dead were all aged between 18 and 22, may have been a sequel to a fatal stabbing during a drunken quarrel the previous night. It was not clear whether there was any political motivation.

● JOHANNESBURG: More than 2,000 black miners have *left President Steyn gold mine,* in the Orange Free state, where 39 men have been killed and 177 injured in inter-tribal faction fighting since December (Ray Kennedy writes).

Their action comes after 10 more men were killed last week in the fighting, mainly between Basuto migrant workers from Lesotho and Xhosas from the independent Transkei Bantustan.

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El Salvador's guerrilla war

Army tries softly, softly approach in effort to win hearts and minds

From Alan Tomlinson, Lolotiquillo, Morazán Province, El Salvador

It was not the way the Army used to wage war in this guerrilla-occupied north-eastern province. Instead of air attacks or mortar bombardments the village was softened up last week by the operatic strains of the Salvadorean national anthem played by a 12-piece military band.

Where once a machine-gun would have been placed, a public address system was hoisted up the bullet-pocked belltower of the Church of St Francis, Bringer of Peace, and positioned next to the town clock that has shown 1.54 since five years ago when automatic rifle fire ripped through it.

"Attention! Attention! People of Lolotiquillo," the olive green loudspeakers blared at the tamarind trees in the main square. "For those who have not yet had a haircut, the barber is still at your service."

For the first time in a year, these villagers were not only seeing a hairdresser but also a doctor, a dentist and an assortment of provisions not usually found in the local store.

People had walked all day from outlying hamlets to get free rations of cooking oil in useful silver tins bearing the legend: "Donated by the People of the United States of America."

❛ We need to reawaken patriotism ❜

The Army's campaign to win the hearts and minds of poor peasants in strategic areas away from the ideological enticements of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front is called "United to Rebuild". Washington is paying for the project with $19 million, on top of the $134 million it will provide in military assistance this year.

There is a lot of rebuilding to be done: 73,000 people have fled their homes in Morazán province during seven years of bitter civil war. As they begin to move back, health centres and schools are being built, drinking wells are being drilled and power lines installed.

The Army is also trying to rebuild its own image. Indiscriminate bombing of guerrilla-held zones and the annihilation of communities suspected of helping the rebels have accounted for many of the 62,000 war dead.

American training and pressure on the military to improve a sorry human rights record has turned the Army into a more disciplined and professional institution during the past two years.

It is no longer the 9-to-5 army it used to be, fleeing back to barracks after a day's fighting. Freshly motivated and better equipped troops have seized the initiative from the guerrillas by remaining in the field for long periods.

Colonel Mauricio Vargas, aged 40, the military commander in Morazán, is one of a number of determined young officers who have realized that the war can not be won by military means alone.

"Civic action has been more effective than all the deaths we have caused in all these years," he told a group of US military officials who visited his programme last week. "The conflict is not going to end by killing more people. We have to attack its causes. As long as there are people without work, health and education, the war will go on."

He urged the visitors to provide more funds for farming loans and job-creation schemes in order to build confidence in the Salvadorean Government's capacity to solve rural problems. "Democracy is going to be constructed here when these people have faith in their institutions," he asserted.

But not all Salvadorean Army officers share his enlightened view. An older colonel who accompanied the American advisers urged a different approach. "We need to reawaken patriotism," he suggested. "We should organize parades for children of pre-military age, so they will want to join the Army instead of joining the terrorists in the hills."

When the visitors had gone Colonel Vargas sat in the village square on a concrete bench stencilled with the slogan: "In the face of terrorist destruction, Lolotiquillo says no to communism."

He said: "A new breed of officer is being born out of the dynamics of this war." And what of the old guard? "Time and history will purge them, or the system will vomit them out," he stated confidently and without bitterness.

He talked of his plans to consolidate the villages south of the Torola river as a buffer against the guerrillas, before pushing north to secure and rebuild communities in the heart of the rebels' mountain stronghold, a campaign of perhaps of 18 months, he calculated.

❛ We should organize parades for children ❜

But while hearts and minds were being won in Morazán, the Army recently reverted to old methods in neighbouring San Miguel Province, where planes bombed the village of San Diego, killing seven civilians. The incident, announced on the rebel radio, was denied by the Army and by President Duarte, who pledged to put a stop to bombings of populated areas when he took office 2½ years ago.

The Army closed off the area and turned back myself and another correspondent when we tried to enter it. But two American journalists who reached the village by avoiding troops confirmed what had taken place.

More than a dozen witnesses said a woman and two infants died when a bomb demolished a house, and three women and a man were blown to pieces as they fled down a road from the Army's assault.

Spot the ball: golf on a snow-covered lake

Driving out of the rough — with a fluorescent orange ball — in the inaugural golf match on the frozen Lake Weissensee, in the Carinthian area of Austria. A nine-hole course has been constructed on the snow-covered lake, in the heart of the winter sports area about an hour's drive from Klagenfurt.

Melilla Muslims face court

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

A Spanish magistrate in Melilla has charged 24 Muslims with sedition arising from their alleged responsibility for disturbances at the weekend in the Spanish enclave on the North African coast claimed by Morocco.

Madrid is "worried" about the situation, Señor José Barrionuevo, the Spanish Interior Minister, admitted yesterday in Parliament. He reiterated the Government's appeal for the peaceful coexistence of the religious groups.

Nine of those held to be ringleaders in the violent clashes between young Muslims and Spanish police arrived yesterday at Almeria jail to await trial, having been transferred overnight to the Spanish mainland.

But an assembly of several hundred Muslims in Melilla's mosque yesterday decided after long debate to give the authorities three days in which to free the nine detained. Sidi Dris Abdelkader, the community's religious leader, warned the Spanish Government that otherwise he could give no guarantees against more violence.

Many shops in Melilla owned by Muslims were closed again yesterday.

A spokesman for the Spanish Ministry of Justice said yesterday that if the Muslims do go on trial it will be the first trial for sedition in Spain since the return to democracy in 1977. They could be jailed from six months to a maximum of 30 years.

As the Government of Señor Felipe González came under increased press criticism yesterday for its handling of the affair, further police reinforcements were sent to Melilla.

Spain's small opposition Christian Democrat Party yesterday became the first political group to comment on the unrest, calling for Señor Barrionuevo's resignation. It accused him of having appointed in autumn "an agent of a foreign power seeking to destabilize Melilla".

This was a reference to Mr Aomar Mohammed Dudu, who was made ministerial adviser but is believed by Madrid to be the chief troublemaker in Melilla.

His decision to move across the frontier to Morocco last week, claiming that he was no longer safe, led to the weekend troubles in which some 70 people were injured and more than 40 arrested.

● Student rebuff: Señor José Maria Maravall, the Spanish Education Minister, told Parliament yesterday that he would not give in to demands by students to scrap university entrance exams and to pay the $330 minimum legal wage to students over 16 from low-income families.

Obote minister seeking asylum after expulsion

From Alistair Matheson, Nairobi

Mr William Okwenje, a Cabinet Minister in a former Uganda regime, has been ordered out of Kenya. As he is wanted in Uganda by the Government of President Museveni, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees is trying to find another country willing to grant him asylum.

Mr Okwenje has lived in Nairobi for almost 20 years. Once Minister for Local Government under the ousted President Milton Obote, Mr Okwenje was named last week by President Museveni as a political enemy.

The Kenya Government denies that it is harbouring any Ugandans plotting to overthrow President Museveni, but the deportation order seems to be a result of the Ugandan leader's charges.

Kenya does not plan to send Mr Okwenje back to Uganda.

Meanwhile another former Minister, Mr Charles Rubia, who was the first African Mayor of Nairobi, has been freed from custody after four days of interrogation. Neither Mr Rubia nor the Government has commented on his sudden arrest. He has been one of the most vocal parliamentary critics of the Government.

Another politician-businessman from the Rift Valley town of Nakuru, Mr John Kamangara, has been jailed for 15 months for having failed to report the seditious activities of the clandestine "Mwakenya" opposition group.

Mr James Achira, a freelance journalist appearing at the same Nakuru court, was jailed for two years for having taken an unlawful oath binding himself to the "Mwakenya" movement.

Atlantic trade tensions grow despite grain compromise

From Richard Owen, Brussels

With the ink on the eleventh-hour compromise on US-EEC trade differences barely dry, Mr Clayton Yeutter, the American trade representative, yesterday warned of the need to resolve a growing list of transatlantic tensions.

He hinted, however, that Washington may be prepared to alter its technology export controls to allow US firms to participate in the four-nation European jet fighter project.

The Eurofighter team, based in Munich, has invited tenders for radar equipment, but US firms cannot compete because of tight restrictions on the re-export of sensitive technology and European insistence on the right to sell the Eurofighter to any foreign buyer is potentially a further cause of tension.

Mr Yeutter denied, however, that the row over the Airbus project was proof that Washington was "screaming for Europe's blood" or engaging in a premeditated "slice-by-slice" attack on the Community's trading interests.

Some EEC officials argue that Washington, having secured a favourable agreement last week over compensation for the loss of US grain sales to Europe following EEC enlargement, is launching a step-by-step onslaught on several fronts on the Community. These not only include assaults on the aircraft market, but also on trade in oils and fats, machine tools, telecommunications, shoes and textiles.

Mr Yeutter, who negotiated the grain agreement with Mr Willy de Clercq, EEC External Relations Commissioner, was yesterday at pains to appear conciliatory toward the Community. Speaking via satellite, he told journalists in Brussels that Washington was not picking on Europe, but had to deal with a global trade deficit of $170 billion (about £114 billion).

The EEC Commission yesterday proposed a draft plan for the standardization of mobile telephones throughout the European Community from 1991 (Richard Owen writes from Brussels). At present there are five systems and three wavelengths. The move underlines the growing role of high technology and modern communications in removing trade barriers and frontier controls in Europe.

Trade disputes should be put in their proper perspective. Europe and America had to try and remain friends "no matter what".

The grain compromise is not seen by US farmers as favourable, but the EEC says it made a major concession by agreeing to import to Spain nearly 2.5 million tonnes of non-EEC maize and sorghum, most of which is likely to be American.

The EEC Commission is now considering a tax on American soybeans and oilseeds to protect the EEC olive oil industry, a proposal which has infuriated Washington.

Mr Yeutter insisted that it was a coincidence that these fresh trade disputes had arisen in the wake of last week's compromise. The current tour of London, Paris and Bonn by US officials objecting to the Airbus project had been planned weeks ago.

Washington claims that Britain, France, West Germany and Spain have been subsidizing the Airbus project, thus violating Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) on civil aviation.

Mr Yeutter said it was hard to believe there was room in the limited air market for both the European A 340 and the planned McDonnell Douglas MD 11.

Washington objects to the Airbus on the grounds that there is no reasonable expectation that it will cover its costs. EEC officials, however, counter-claim that Washington heavily subsidizes the US aircraft industry.

Mr Yeutter warned the EEC that a further rise in protectionist pressures in Congress was inevitable.

Torture cripples detained party man

By Caroline Moorehead

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Turkey

Aydan Bulutgil was a student in Britain in the early 1970s. On his return to Turkey he became active in the Turkish Communist Party (CPT), the oldest socialist-Marxist party in the country.

After the military coup of 1980 and the banning of all political parties to the left of the Social Democrats, Bulutgil was one of an estimated 2,000 people arrested and detained, and many of them tortured, for their political beliefs.

Many have since been released. Bulutgil, however, was sentenced to 16 years and eight months in prison as a member of the political bureau under Articles 141 and 142 of the Penal Code, which ban all Marxist parties and any form of publishing and propaganda connected with them.

During his time in detention he has been severely tortured. Both his legs are now crippled.

A member of the central committee of the CPT, Mustafa Hayrullahoglu, who was detained by police in November 1982, died while being tortured. After widespread publicity three policemen were charged with murder and sentenced to 10 years' jail. They have since been released.

Both Hayrullahoglu and Bulutgil were tried as individuals. More common over recent years have been the mass trials of Socialist, Marxist and Communist party members and supporters.

In Ankara, 228 people — trade unionists, leaders of democratic associations such as the two million-strong rural co-operative Koy Koop, artists and scientists — have been given sentences of up to 17 years. Elsewhere, four political bureau members of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) are serving 12-year prison sentences, while nine central committee members have been jailed for eight years.

Recently, alleged association with any one of the banned left-wing political groups has been used as the pretext on which to arrest and hold suspected opponents of the regime.

And the trials go on. Not long ago 20 young people were arrested for "attempting to reorganize the banned TIP". According to the official charges, they stand accused of "organizing subversive propaganda" in Ege University in Izmir; of "establishing connections with trade unionists with the aim of forming an opposition"; and of "setting up an amateur theatre group to insistently and systematically promote certain issues".

In the photographs that have been distributed to the Turkish newspapers, the accused are shown with political books and journals considered by the authorities to be proof of their guilt.

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45	49	5,388	2,861	970	9,219	5,388
50	54	5,319	2,824	957	9,100	5,266
55	59	5,250	2,788	945	8,983	4,935
60	64	5,198	2,760	936	8,894	4,315
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Seoul claims coup plot and bans rallies to mark student's death

Seoul (Reuter) – South Korean authorities said yesterday that they had uncovered an organization plotting an armed uprising to set up a communist state.

The announcement coincided with government efforts to block opposition rallies on Saturday to mourn a student who died while being tortured by police. It says that *the demonstrations could* degenerate into widespread rioting and bloodshed.

Mr Kim Won-chi, the government prosecutor, said that police had arrested 32 members of an organization called the Constituent Assembly Group, comprising mainly former student and labour movement activists, for plotting a Bolshevik-style revolution.

Twenty-four had been charged with having violated the National Security Law, which bans all pro-communist activities and carries a maximum penalty of death. Two were still being investigated and six were released after being reprimanded.

Mr Kim said that prosecutors were seeking 28 other members of the group, which he said had masterminded various anti-government demonstrations and aimed to "emulate the strategy employed in the Bolshevik Revolution of November 1917" which created the Soviet Union.

The group had distributed *200,000 subversive leaflets* and pamphlets and set up a "provisional political school" to indoctrinate recruits to propagate communist ideology, he said.

Police said yesterday that they would ban Saturday's rallies organized by the opposition New Korea Democratic Party and various human rights and religious groups, to mourn the death on January 14 of Park Chong-chol, aged 21, a student activist, under police torture.

They called the planned rallies "impure political meetings" and threatened to prevent opposition politicians, dissidents and students from *reaching rally sites.*

The organizing committee for the rallies on Monday said that more than 20,000 people had volunteered to help to stage the protests, which are to be held simultaneously in 10 cities to press demands for an immediate end to police torture. The Government has pledged that there will never be another case like Park's.

A memorial service for him *is planned for the same day at* the Myongdong Roman Catholic Cathedral here.

Two officers of an anti-communist police unit have been charged with having tortured him to death. They have admitted forcing his head into a bathtub to try to make him reveal the whereabouts of a wanted radical, crushing his throat and causing him to suffocate.

The ruling Democratic Justice Pary has said that radicals inspired by North Korea could cause Saturday's protest rallies to degenerate into anti-government riots, as happened at Inchon last May when more than 300 people were *injured.*

Technological reform

Chinese boost for industry

Peking (Reuter) – China announced yesterday important reforms for improving its antiquated industrial technology, granting more autonomy to factory managers and paying scientists more to carry out research.

The official New China News Agency said that new regulations by the State Council will "promote a favourable social environment for scientists and technicians ... and foster a new generation of entrepreneurs".

Government statistics show that between 1979 and 1985 China spent almost $10 billion on technology imports to improve its communications network, raise energy production and upgrade industry.

Peking has said that it will continue to import technology needed to improve domestic products from 1986 to 1990.

But domestic industries have been told that they must also raise their own technology levels and revamp industrial management as part of economic reforms launched seven years ago by Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader.

The State Council will enforce rules to reduce bureaucracy in enterprises and gradually give them greater autonomy. Factory directors will be made fully responsible for production levels and technological development, the agency said.

"State management ... should shift from direct control to indirect management, with the state only carrying out policy guidance and coordination," it said.

Every enterprise must organize technical development projects for scientists and technicians to manage, the agency said. These should include joint ventures, stock companies and technical trading agencies.

Scientists and technicians "should be allowed to get a reasonable income while *creating wealth for the society.* Governments at different levels and related departments should loosen their salary policies and welfare funds," it said.

"They should support them in providing loans and in the matter of taxation."

Research units must also work more closely with production enterprises, which should eventually finance technological development with income derived from product sales, the agency said.

The Chinese Communist Party's propaganda chief, Mr Zhu Houze, has been "moved to another post", a party spokesman *said. The statement* ended three weeks of speculation after the sudden removal of Mr Hu Yaobang, the party's General-Secretary, *(Reuter reports from Peking).*

Mr Zhu, who headed the propaganda department since 1985, has not been seen in public for some time. Officials *have declined comment* on his status since Mr Hu's resignation in disgrace on January 16.

Spanish tot takes up life of Tibetan lama

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The most famous son of Bubión, a village high in the mountains of Granada, Osel Iza Torres, aged 23 months, above, was scheduled to leave here yesterday on his way to the Himalayas to take up his life's work.

The boy, the fifth child of a Spanish couple who are converts to Buddhism, is regarded by the faithful of his sect as the reincarnation of Yeshe, a Tibetan lama who died in San Francisco in 1984.

Osel's parents and his tutor, Zopa, a Tibetan monk, believe he must be given a special education in a monastery in the east to enable him to continue Yeshe's work.

The Lama Yeshe, although well known, was not one of the approximately 13 holy men whose alleged reincarnations are normally brought before the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, for approval.

Consequently, the decision on whether Osel is Yeshe's reincarnation was up to the monk's followers and to fellow monks in his monastery at Kepan, where the tot will be enthroned on March 12.

***Before that, however,* according to his mother, Señora María Torres de Iza, aged 33, who was educated in a Spanish convent school, Osel and his *parents expect to have an audience* with the Dalai Lama.**

Señora Torres de Iza said the reincarnation of Yeshe was first suspected when her son was 14 months old, although she had a premonition before he was born.

Followers of Yeshe decided that Osel was the monk's reincarnation after submitting the child to a series of tests, including letting him choose between objects which belonged to the late monk and similar items which did not.

Constitution approved

Aquino faces task of taming officers

From David Watts, Manila

One of the most urgent tasks facing President Aquino now that her new Constitution has been approved is to repair relations between the military and the Government.

Without a better understanding and more mutual respect between the President and her field commanders and junior officers, coups and rumours of coups are likely to continue.

In General Fidel Ramos she has an upright West Point-trained Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff, but also a leader trying to ride the tiger of a politicized military yet please Malacanang Palace.

The contradictions of his position were never more evident than when he decided to conduct televised negotiations with the rebellious Colonel Oscar Canlas, who was occupying a Manila television station with 200 men. In *allowing the television* cameras to show Malacanang that he was following instructions, General Ramos treated his officers to the sight of their commander-in-chief trying to persuade an unknown colonel to obey his orders, with little noticeable effect.

The colonel's disdain for General Ramos was as obvious as the general's attempts to please his political masters. That disdain extends beyond the small group of die-hard officers still loyal to Mr Marcos to encompass other groups, including the bright articulate young colonels of the Reform Movement (RAM), who were crucial in bringing Mrs Aquino to power but who are now among her Government's loudest critics.

"The Government has this split vision of Filipino society. You have the Executive-Secretary Joker Arroyo saying the Government is in control of the military but the military isn't in control of itself. It's time the political leadership took responsibility for the military. We must be treated as part of the Government. Joker's statement will be burned into our hearts as long as the Executive Secretary is there," said one of the young RAM officers who spent the days of the recent coup conspicuously sitting at home reading to distance himself from what he saw as the inevitable accusations of involvement.

Nevertheless, the accusations came in a Government-inspired newspaper story that spoke of *American* mercenaries involved in a scheme, with the inevitable CIA connection, to bring back Mr Marcos. "If we were involved why don't they come and arrest us," he said.

Central to the officers' criticisms are the Government's lack of vision and long-term programmes for the country's security and military.

After the Marcos years of martial law there was certain to be a difficult transition to democracy, especially for the military, but the more professional officers see not only the same mistakes being repeated but also the added danger of a Government they believe has connections with communists at a high level.

"As early as July they had made all the mistakes that Marcos made," said an officer who noted that newly promoted officers were handpicked to dine at Malacanang Palace.

Some officers believe the communist connection was proved when documents were leaked to the National Democratic Front during the recent ceasefire negotiations with communist *insurgents.* While such transgressions go unpunished, the military feels it gets blamed for everything that goes wrong.

One officer said the bureaucracy had been seriously weakened and the military was being used as a buffer between the Government and *its problems. Also, there is an* unambivalent feeling about General Ramos as he tries desperately to keep the military unified.

The general exhorts his men not to be political, yet last year he drafted a letter of complaint calling for specific changes in the Government

"Not at the height of the difficulties with Mr Enrile (the Defence Minister dismissed last year) did he do anything as remotely as political as that," his officers say.

Mrs Aquino rolled towards landslide acceptance of her new Constitution last night with 78.54 per cent of voters endorsing the document and 21.46 per cent opposed, according to unofficial returns.

Hamburg bans cars in thick smog fears

Hamburg (Reuter) – Authorities banned most private cars from the streets of Hamburg yesterday and ordered industry to reduce emissions after thick smog settled over the West German port city.

Police set up road blocks and toured streets in loudspeaker vans telling drivers to park cars and use public transport. An official said that those ignoring the ban would be fined 80 marks (£27).

Better cover

Cairo (Reuter) – In a major boost for its air defences, *Egypt took delivery of two US* Hawk-Eye surveillance aircraft. It will receive three more by the end of the year.

One wrong

Vienna (Reuter) – Only one Albanian voter out of more than 1.8 million cast an invalid ballot as the Stalinist *Balkan nation unanimously* elected Communist Party candidates for Parliament.

Dragon dies

San Diego (AP) – Sweetheart, the only Komodo dragon in the western hemisphere, has died of old age and liver infection, San Diego Zoo officials said.

Top jackpot

Reno (AP) – A man who decided that skiing with a back injury was too risky took his chances instead at a casino. He hit the biggest slot machine jackpot, nearly $5 million (£3.25 million).

Flood victims

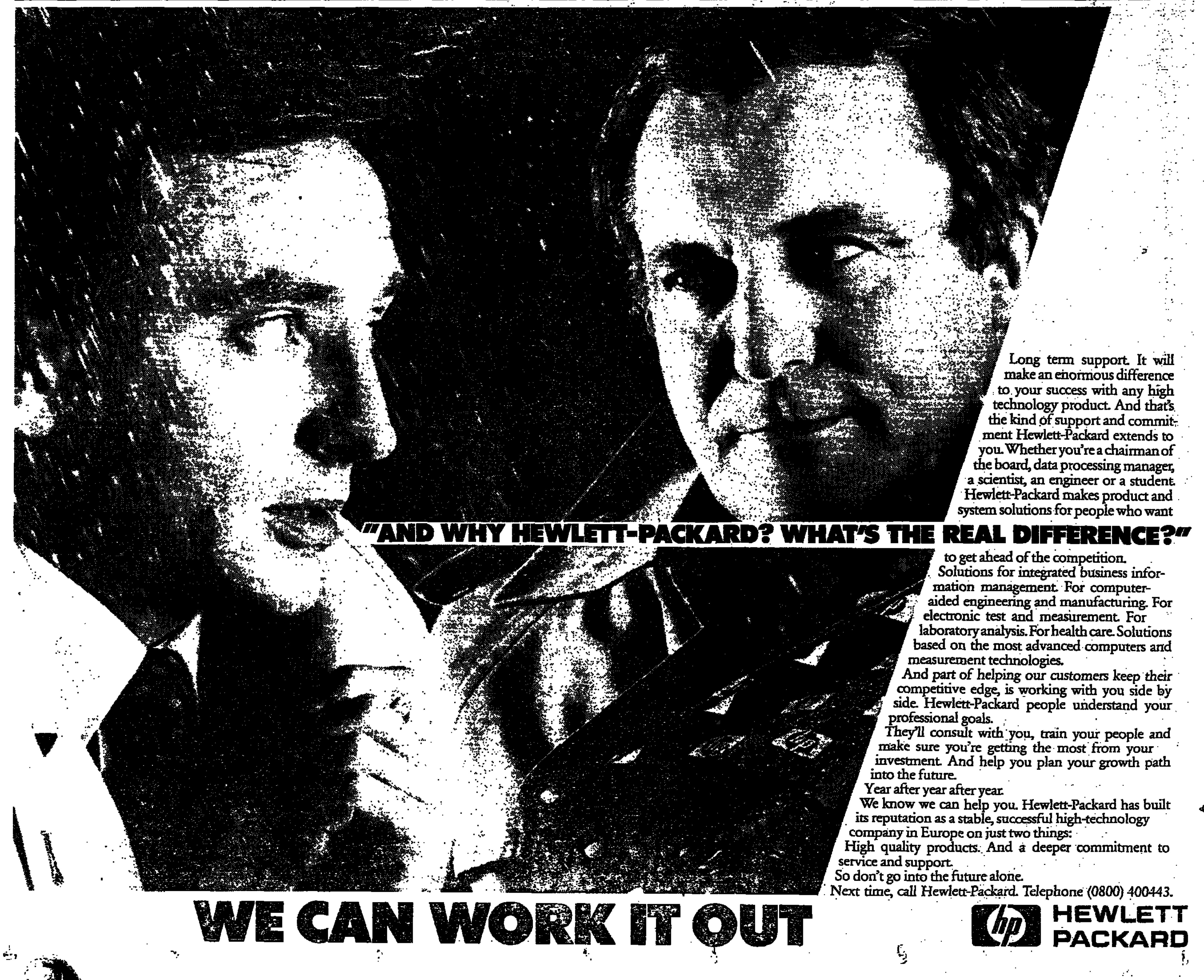
Lima (AP) – At least 100 people died and 400 were *reported missing after a river* swept away houses and other buildings in Villa Rica in the Amazon jungle region.

Grand facelift

Moscow (Reuter) – The Bolshoi Theatre will close this summer for lengthy work to modernize stage facilities and restore its rococo grandeur.

Eta bomb

Madrid – Eta, the Basque separatist organization, has taken responsibility for Friday's car bomb attack on a bus carrying senior army personnel in Saragossa, which killed two people and injured 40 more.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Looking for cracks in the curate's egg

The forthcoming Greenwich by-election could be decided by Labour's choice of a left-wing candidate, reports George Hill

The Greenwich by-election on February 26 is being shaped by the local Labour Party into a preview of one of the most crucial themes of the general election which must follow close behind. Within months — perhaps weeks — the Greenwich victor will be pounding constituency pavements again, almost before he or she has learned the way from the *Members' Lobby to Annie's* Bar.

Labour's opponents are cock-a-hoop at the local party's decision to select an unmistakeable left-winger to defend the seat made vacant by the sudden death just before Christmas of the moderate Guy Barnett. Their publicity machines are already gearing up to present Miss Deirdre Wood as the unregenerate embodiment of all the follies which Neil Kinnock has been striving so energetically to blot from his party's image since 1983.

In practice, chilling the voters' *blood with the* left-wing bogey is the only real hope the Tory and Social Democratic Party challengers have of overturning Labour in one of its strongholds ,even though it took on the superficial appearance of a marginal at the nadir of Labour's *fortunes in* 1983. In social composition, it is even more characteristically Labour territory than the borough as a whole. In the four elections preceding 1983, the Labour vote never fell as low as 50 per cent.

The Tories and the Alliance have put up personable and articulate candidates, but both were very recently chosen and have not yet made any real impression on the constituency as individuals. Mrs Rosie Barnes, for the SDP, is understandably concerned that the pattern of last year's by-election in Fulham — an area with points of similarity to Greenwich — may be repeated, with a harsh electoral squeeze operating on the candidate in third place. A weak showing would bode ill for the SDP's ability to make inroads on the traditional Labour areas where it needs to establish *itself.*

The Guinness scandal, focusing attention on the machinations of the City, has broken at an awkward time for the Tory candidate, John Antcliffe, who is a City man.

For Labour to falter in its grasp of a seat like Greenwich would be damning evidence of its failure to appeal, and quite out of line with all the evidence of national and local opinion polls. That is what whets the appetite of the other parties.

Last month, before the defending candidate had been selected, a Harris poll in constituency gave Labour 60 per cent: if such a level of support were to be seriously eroded during the campaign, the lesson would unmistakeably be that the label of extremism can frighten off Labour voters.

Even if the seat does not change hands, the by-election is a heaven-sent opportunity for testing the appeal of the issue .and showing voters everywhere that the Kinnock reformation has only gone skin-deep.

There is just a chance of a surprise. Greenwich is *nobody's monolith: it is a* complex mixture of closely-knit contrasts, with more than its share of deprivation and as majestic a display of national monuments as any constituency *in the country. It* has a geography of switchback-rides, with half the electorate looking down the chimneys of the other half, Blackheath curling the lip at Deptford and Charlton Athletic's seedy football ground turning a rough cold-shoulder to the Jacobean gables of Charlton House.

It is easy to foresee that the constituency will not remain safe Labour territory for much longer. It has always been an attractive outpost for the bright and affluent and the loss of employment on the docks, in heavy industry and the armed forces is sure to be progressively offset by a growth in services based on Greenwich's immense potential for tourism — something the council has done too little to encourage. The population is ageing, which makes for conservatism in voting patterns.

"*It is a curate's egg of a* constituency," Blackheath voter John Bruce said as he walked his Staffordshire bull terrier up by the Observatory, with one foot in the western hemisphere and the other in the eastern. "There are enough solid Labour voters to swing it their way, but people may be swayed by the choice of Labour candidate."

Down in the hopefully-named Thames Barrier Industrial Improvement Area — a blackened wilderness of car-breaking yards and bald tyres, close by the immense silver half-domes of the glittering tidal barrier — Labour voter Keith Steward declared that he would not change sides, but admitted that he might stay at home rather than vote for an extremist candidate.

But 18-year-old Andrew Martin, working in a neighbouring packaging yard, said that he would vote Labour, regardless of the party's candidate. "The issue is unemployment, isn't it?" he said. "I have friends out of work and I was unemployed for about a year myself."

Steward was more sceptical about the unemployment issue. "It's *not the same* as up north," he said. "There are plenty of jobs going." Several other constituents, Labour-inclined as well as Tory, expressed similar views. A robust tendency to political paradox was in evidence on all sides, offering mingled hope and disappointment to all parties.

"I live in a tower block, unfortunately," said Mrs Joan Hodgson, of Charlton. "But I must say the Labour council does take care of the old people. When the heating went off in the frost, they were round quickly and did everything to make sure we were all right. I don't know about the health services — I'm with Bupa, myself. But I'd like to see Labour get in."

For their part, Tory voters were sometimes ready to praise the council's provision of services, *even when*, like Frederick Bennett, who runs a second-hand furniture store, they disapproved of the way it was "pushing all those queers and lesbians".

"Health will be a big issue," said Linda Sullivan, a nurse and card-holding Labour supporter. "Several local hospitals have closed and a neuro-sciences unit moved away, despite a petition which was signed by 200,000 people. But it is true that traditional Labour supporters are worried about getting a candidate who is too absolutely to the left".

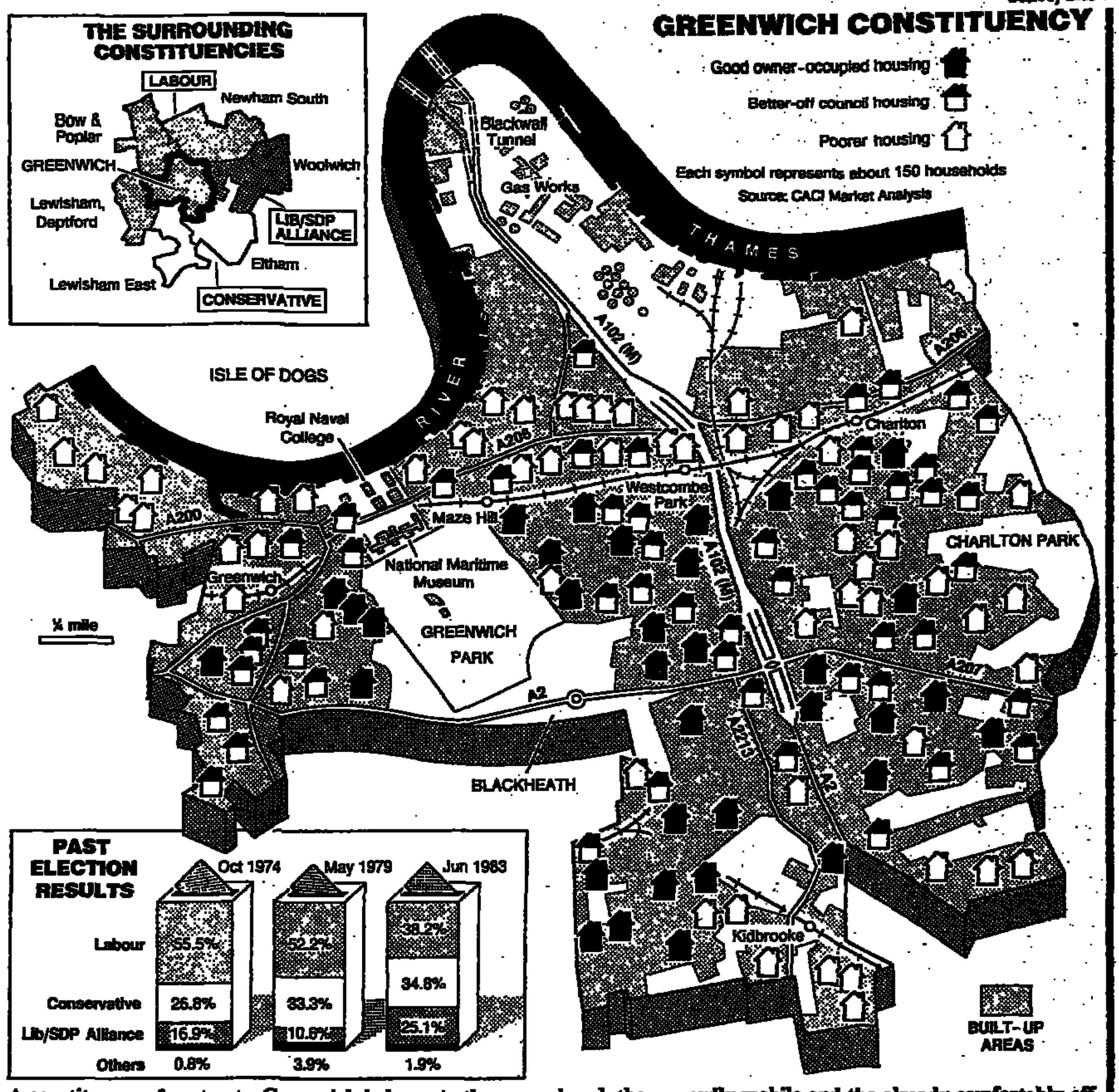
The test for Miss Wood will be to show that she can soothe misgivings in this area.

The Greenwich record: 1983 result: G Barnett (Lab) 13,361 (38.2 per cent); A Rolfe (C) 12,150 (34.8 per cent); T Ford (SDP) 8,783 (25.1 per cent); I Dell (British National Party) 259 (0.8 per cent); R. Mallone (Fellowship) 242 (0.7 per cent); Ms F. Hooks (Communist) 149 (0.4 per cent).Lab majority: 1,211.

POLLS, SEATS AND VOTES

In yesterday's article "How to Keep the Polls Apart", the figure to which the Conservative vote would have to be driven down to give Labour a 20-seat majority over all other parties, should have been given as 34 per cent.

It should also have been made clearer that there are two ways in which a parliamentary majority can be measured: by counting the number of seats above 326 (the number at which a party has more than half the seats in the Commons) or by using the number of seats which puts the leading party ahead of all other parties combined.



A constituency of contrasts: Greenwich is home to the unemployed, the upwardly mobile and the already comfortably off

CANDIDATES ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Deirdre Wood (Labour)

"I stand firmly with Labour Party policies," has been the defending candidate's reply to queries about her political position since her selection last week. The game of "Hunt the Leftist" got into full swing immediately the local party's choice was announced and her preferred initial response has been to avoid specific pronouncements.

Energetic, tousled and bespectacled, she has aligned herself with the hard left on the *Inner London* Education Authority, where she is chairman of the staff committee. She was involved in an invitation from London Labour leaders to Sinn Fein members to speak in London, supports CND and is a supporter of black sections in local Labour parties, which the party conference has declared unconstitutional.

She is in her forties, has four sons and lives in Bow with her second husband, Jamie Morris. She won her candidacy at the first ballot against four other candidates, one of whom — Glynis Thornton — was understood to be preferred by Neil Kinnock.

John Antcliffe (Tory)

"I can run Labour very close," says the 25-year old Rothschild's merchant banker. An open-faced young man, he makes the most of his detailed knowledge of the Greenwich area ,where he has lived most of his life.

"The politics of the Labour candidate are going to be among the main issues in the campaign. There are many traditional Labour supporters who are going to be very concerned to know what their candidate really stands for.

"The Labour Party here has been playing a very careful hand till now. But lurking below the surface the attitudes of the loony left are all there.

"I don't find the unemployment rate here satisfactory. But there is no unemployment problem in London as a whole, and I don't believe the issue will be the main one. Education will be important, and so will defence, because of the borough's historic links with the armed forces."

Antcliffe, a member of the borough council, is unmarried. He was educated at Cambridge University.

Rosemary Barnes (SDP)

"Like Fulham, it is a mixed constituency, but I don't find that people feel such a huge divide between rich and poor," says the 41-year-old market researcher, who has lived in the constituency for 17 years.

"Deirdre Wood is the Labour candidate I was hoping for. I think she will frighten people off.

"I think grass-roots issues — unemployment, housing and education — will be important. There are huge areas of inefficiency in the management of council housing.

"Where I think Labour will come unstuck is on defence. Traditional Labour voters are looking for a stronger defence policy than Labour has to offer."

Mrs Barnes has been a member of the SDP's Council for Social Democracy and last year she stood for the Inner London Education Authority in neighbouring Woolwich. Her husband Graham is an SDP councillor in Woolwich and they have three children.

Additional reporting by Roland Rudd

Chess — the game show

Today, an esoteric sport makes its bid for mass appeal with a series of televised matches between Britain's Nigel Short (above left) and champion Gary Kasparov

Chess is in for a short, sharp shock. Today and tomorrow, the world champion, Gary Kasparov of the USSR, will play six matches against Britain's 21-year-old prodigy, Nigel Short, none of the contests lasting longer than 50 minutes. By contrast, last year's championship series between Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov consisted of 24 games, played in two cities — London and Leningrad — over two months. Each game lasted five hours. Drawing an analogy with cricket, the limited-overs match has come to the king of board games.

The change has been brought about partly to make chess more dramatic for the invited spectactors, but chiefly to attract an entirely new television audience and convince them of the fascination of the game.

Fans find the spectacle of two grandmasters slogging out 40 moves in five hours vividly exciting. But for the non-expert, watching a tournament *can be as thrilling as watching* paint dry. The Short-Kasparov match plans to change that, making chess accessible to those millions of potential viewers who are astonished by the behaviour of the eccentric geniuses of the game, such as Bobby Fischer, but ignorant of how to capture *en passant* or execute a knight fork.

"This match is the first event of its kind especially tailored for television," says Michael Feldman, producer of the two programmes being made to cover the series. "We hope that the attractive features we have introduced will help chess to make a breakthrough to a considerably wider audience."

Besides the speeding up of play, a major ingredient of the new formula will be a deliberate move to up-grade the decor of both the venue and *the players. Electric screens at* the London Hippodrome in Leicester Square will transmit moves instantaneously: in-game commentary will seek to capture the uncertainty and tension experiencd by the mental gladiators as their last minutes tick away: both grandmasters will wear black or white dinner jackets, according to which colour they are playing.

Another potent ingredient is that England, has, at last, a potential world-beater to challenge the Soviets. Chess is the USSR's national game and Gary Kasparov the perfected end-result of decades of chess culture: Still only 23, Kasparov's genius for the game was spotted while he was a child. He was showered with trainers, assistants and the resources required to aid his ascent up the chess ladder: By the age of 22, he was world *champion.*

Short, on the other hand, was born into a culture where chess receives considerably less attention. But over the past few years England has established itself very clearly in the number two slot behind the USSR — and Short is in the forefront. Last December he crushed Kasparov in a game in Brussels, only the fourth time this century that a Briton has beaten a reigning world champion. On Monday he won a tournament in Holland, beating the defending champion, Victor Korchnoi.

What chance would he have in a fully-fledged world championship series? "Nigel is a hugely talented player," Kasparov says. "But he lacks the back-up resources — such as a budget for assistance and trainers — which is available to Soviet grandmasters.

"Perhaps the increased prominence he will gain through this match will help him to find backers for a realistic assault on the world title."

Raymond Keene

The Short-Kasparov Speed Chess Challenge *will be screened on Channel 4 at 6.30pm on consecutive Saturdays, starting February 21.*

'Help to free Waite'

But the Iranian the Archbishop appealed to will almost certainly want a 'sweetener'

The Archbishop of Canterbury's decision this week to pen a personal appeal to *Iran's second most powerful* figure, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, was a bold one. Whether it will cut any ice with the man dubbed "the shark" by his own countrymen, is debatable.

Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Majlis (Parliament) and political heir apparent to Ayatollah Khomeini, was asked to exert his country's considerable influence in Lebanon to ensure the safe release of Terry Waite, who is almost certainly being held captive by Shia fundamentalists allied to Tehran.

Dr Runcie said he wrote the letter after hearing Rafsanjani volunteering to help to extricate Waite because, as the Iranian Speaker put it: "This is a person trying to solve a humanitarian problem who is now the victim of the same problem."

Arab and Western diplomats suggest, however, that the Iranian leader — nicknamed "the shark" because of his conspicuous lack of facial hair in a largely bearded country — may need a "sweetener" before acting on his pledge. The most pessimistic view is that Rafsanjani, 52, small but dynamic, has grown accustomed to fruitful bargaining with the West, especially over arms sales from the US. "There are no free services in this sort of dealing," said one diplomat.

Rafsanjani: Hard bargainer

One indication that Terhan is not in a conciliatory mood was the arrest on charges of espionage of an American journalist, Gerald Seib, on Saturday, just three days after Rafsanjani pledged to help free Waite.

Although sources believe that Waite is not being ill-treated and it is highly unlikely that he would be murdered, his release could take time and may be linked to a number of demands.

In the past, groups holding Westerners have demanded the release of prisoners and that the US should not take any *military action in the* region. Rafsanjani has also stated publicly that he would like further US arms shipments, which he said, were paid for by the late Shah but never delivered.

While the haggling, the bluffs and the behind-the-scenes deals continue, there is little hope that Rafsanjani will force Waite's release purely for humanitarian reasons: but without his support the envoy's chances of a speedy return look grim.

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Life on TV's hard edge

Tomorrow's *This Week* documentary on drug-dealing in prisons will prove that women producers can handle the toughest subjects.

Lee Rodwell reports

Ros Drinkwater

Fact-finding: television producer Lorraine Heggessey talks to a prisoner in Bedford during filming of her programme on drug dealing and abuse

Lorraine Heggessey has just come out of prison. In fact she has just come out of several prisons. But her record is remarkable rather than criminal, and it is filed away at Thames Television rather than New Scotland Yard.

Heggessey has overcome the perceived professional disadvantages of being young (she is 30), blonde and attractive to make a growing reputation as a television producer with the skill and determination to handle tough subjects, as opposed to the "feminine" issues with which so many women in television tend to become identified.

Her reputation is likely to be enhanced by a controversial *This Week* programme tomorrow which reveals some disturbing facts about drug dealing and drug abuse in Britain's prisons.

The film, shot in Bedford and Grendon men's prisons (she was not allowed access to a women's prison), is Heggessey's first for the programme since she left the BBC's *Panorama* in December. She regards the drugs problem as "a microcosm of a lot of things that are wrong with the prison system. Drugs are freely available in every prison.

"There is very little attempt in prisons at rehabilitation. You have people committing crimes because of their addiction — and many crimes that are not down as drug-related often are, like shoplifting or stealing car radios to feed a habit — yet they are sent to prison where drugs are available.

"Even if you are only smoking cannabis, you have to go to a dealer to get it, and these dealers will be selling other drugs. One of the reasons I wanted to do the programme was because I had met a woman who had worked with addicts and she had very good street-level contacts. She had had people referred to her who had become addicts in prison."

Despite her femininity, Heggessey encountered no problems during filming. She says: "If you go to a place run by men for men in a regimented way, as long as certain key people treat you with respect you'll get respect from everyone."

However, there have been other times during her career when the male knee-jerk response to a pretty woman has amused her. "I've been taken as the reporter's girlfriend, secretary, anything rather than the producer."

On one occasion she was doing a programme about racism in the Metropolitan Police and had made an appointment to meet a press officer at a central London police station to arrange to film a police briefing before a demonstration. The duty officer rang the man to say the producer had arrived. He duly came down, looked around an otherwise empty reception area — and walked off again. Lorraine said: "It was as if he couldn't see me because I was a woman."

'I would have died rather than work for *Breakfast Time*'

As far as the people she works with are concerned none, she says, has ever behaved in a sexist way. "None of the editors has ever typecast me and I have never felt I wasn't as good as a man."

Heggessey says she has always been interested in what she calls the *hard-edged, serious end of current* affairs. "When I was at the BBC I'd have died rather than work for *Breakfast Time* and I resisted several attempts to move me there."

Her desire to become a *Panorama* producer was kindled at Durham University when she became involved in student journalism. However, the BBC did not leap at the opportunity to employ her and she left university without a job.

Eventually she was offered a place by Westminster Press, working as a trainee reporter on the *Acton Gazette*. But she applied again to the BBC and this time was accepted on their news training scheme. Two years later, having been through the mill of local radio, regional television, radio and television news, she went to the fledgling *Newsnight* as a sub-editor.

"Then one of the editors went to *Panorama* and asked me to be the junior there. At first most people were too grand to say hello. I used to get their dog-ends. If someone was doing something on international trade, I'd do the two days filming at a Birmingham trade fair.

"But I kept nagging at George Carey, the editor, to let me go and make a film. I thought if I didn't I'd never break out. I had been researching something on the Falklands and then the opportunity *came up for us to go out there. He decided to let me go and produce* the film. So off I went with a two-man news crew and Fred Emery as reporter. It was a good start, and after that I was established as a film maker."

Heggessey's decision to leave the BBC was not taken lightly. It was prompted in the main, she says, by the way the career structure works there. "You get no brownie points for staying a film maker. You are supposed to move up to editor. But I didn't want a desk job. Also, at the BBC, it's very easy to stop taking conscious decisions about your future.

'Most people on *Panorama* were too grand to say hello'

"In the past, people stayed with the BBC out of loyalty and for a while I did, too. After all, they had trained me. I would be nowhere without that. But there came a time when I knew it was right to apply for something else."

It says a lot for her track record that she was offered a job by both Granada's *World in Action* and Thames's *This Week*. She took up *the Thames offer — as much for personal reasons as professional* ones.

"We live in Isleworth, and I hardly see my husband anyway. I'd have seen him even less if I had been going up to Manchester."

The story of Heggessey's marriage is one she tells with some reluctance, possibly because it reads more like romantic fiction than hard-edged news. It goes like this: ambitious career woman goes on much-needed holiday to remote Greek island. Spies handsome Dutch musician on neighbouring balcony. Love at first sight. Five days later they part at Rhodes airport. He promises to finish music studies, then come to England to marry her. And that, a year and a half ago, is what Ronald de Jong did.

Heggessey says: "In between we shuttled back and forth between London and Amsterdam. It was a very expensive romance but I thought if we could get through that we could get through anything.

"In fact it's worked out very well. Because I have been successful he can spend time composing, practising and doing all the things he has to do as a musician. Anyway, I think Dutchmen are a lot more liberated than Englishmen in many ways. A lot of his friends who are musicians are supported by their wives."

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Moments of fame

These days aspiring stars do not need talent; they simply display themselves to the world

Curious as it may seem, I thought Miss Fiona Wright looked a lot prettier with her clothes on than off. One of the quality newspapers put Miss Wright on its front page last week, but showing the tribute vice pays to virtue they had her all decked out in a white angora beret and matching scarf. There was nothing showing *but a nice toothy schoolgirl* smile. She looked quite smashing: an almost pre-pubescent beauty that Nabokov might have celebrated.

With her clothes off and the garters and fishnet stuff strapped around her, she looked rather ordinary. Any Page Three girl would knock her out of the running. I had a sudden flash of sympathy for her, in spite of the £10,000 she reputedly got for her recent revelations. After all, she is only 19 and self-knowledge probably begins and ends with her composite and clippings. This weekend *Miss Wright spoke again to* the tabloids.

"I am glad I did it," she said, speaking of selling the tale of her sexual adventures with Sir Ralph Halpern to *The People*. "After all I am a model and I want to be a famous actress. It has been really lovely seeing my face all over the front pages every day and I have been seen on TV too. I am going to be the greatest star — the past is behind me."

It is always possible that Miss Wright will turn out to have been kissed by the muses, perhaps Erato or Clio. More probably she will be an example of the Andy Warhol world in which he predicted everyone would be famous for 15 minutes. But it would be unfair to single out Miss Wright.

Recently, we have had accounts of Prince Edward wanting first to be a television presenter and now going into film production; and then a man plunged to his death rehearsing a stunt for the BBC's *The Late Late Breakfast Show* in his attempt at stardom. That man was Michael Lush and he was *an unemployed labourer* from Hedge End, near Southampton. His girlfriend entered him as a contestant to do a 120-foot jumping stunt on the programme. The stunt's equipment was inadequate and the poor man was killed. His weeping mother told the inquest: "He said he wanted to be a superstar."

One could say that Miss Wright, Mr Lush and Prince Edward all shared a common human affliction — the desire to excel without any discernible talent. This isn't the total handicap it seems. The pop world of the Sixties flogged the ordinary as the extraordinary and gave us Andy Warhol's pointless pictures of a Campbell's soup can and his dreadful films of vacant, self-indulgent freaks fornicating and drugging with a then new and exciting lack of inhibition.

In fact, the entire Pop movement that Warhol describes so well in his book *POPism*, consisted of people who wanted to be famous for nothing. Why bother with work and study and sacrifice in order to make a mark in life? After all, Andy Warhol simply had to put on black leather gear and silver his hair. Limousines would then roll and jets would fly him to LA for the weekend.

The great *tragedy of the* Sixties was not simply that such vacuous people had such disproportionate dreams of celebrity, but that from Baby Jane Holzer to Edie Sedgwick — and today's equivalents like Boy George or Mandy Smith — they succeeded. They were photographed and quoted and their very success fostered the climate in which a Fiona Wright could flourish and a Michael Lush could die.

Historically speaking, there has always been this one avenue open to people who wanted attention but had no special merits and could neither sing nor dance nor speak with particular distinction. The avenue is simply to put oneself on display or to display oneself in a situation at risk. Going topless would not have fullfilled Mr Lush's need to be a superstar, but behaving like a gladiator, as he did, is an old and honourable tradition. Freak shows and gladiators have been a staple of showbiz through the centuries and the mincing antics of a Boy George are simply the contemporary version of a *freak show. It is how simple*-minded people have been entertained from time immemorial.

Fiona Wright: "I am going to be the greatest star"

And Prince Edward? Well, the great media-cum-arts scene is home for two sorts of people: those with either a specific talent and those human beings who haven't the slightest talent or intellect for any human endeavour whatsoever.

If the Prince belongs to the first group, and it is a requirement that a prince of England do something these days, then I can see nothing worse about him going into showbiz than the Emperor of Japan studying marine biology. If he goes into television simply because he lacks a specific talent in any field and so arrives on, or behind, camera by default, well, he will simply have joined about half the people who are in the arts world for exactly the same reason. In either case, I wouldn't fuss about it.

Barbara Amiel

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BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Crafty shopping

Craftswomen and designers as far-flung as the Outer Hebrides now have the opportunity to showcase their jewellery, knitwear, ceramics and furniture in *Idealogue*, a new magazine which will enable the public to buy "off-the-page" rather than through shops and crafts centres. The first issue, which should provide a comprehensive directory of the best British design talent, is scheduled for publication in April — so potential applicants should contact them by February 14 at Waterside, 99 Rotherhithe Street, London SE16 (01-231 2886).

Divorce deals

In America, pre-nuptial agreements are becoming commonplace. New *Divorce Matters* (Penguin, £3.95) suggests that more British couples should realistically (if unromantically) consider who might get the three-piece suite or the microwave — even before they stroll down the aisle. That's one idea elaborated by Jacqueline Burgoyne, Roger Ormrod and Martin Richards in their new book, which deals with the emotional, legal and financial repercussions of divorce — the sad finale to one in three marriages.

Quote me . . .

"I don't feel I have to be a man, look like a man, to succeed. Being a woman is wonderful. We can get away with *murder* . . ."
Katharine Hamnett

French leave

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Brittle bones

It's mostly women who are affected by osteoporosis, the brittle bone disease which, in later life, can result in frighteningly easy fractures of the hip, a hunched stature and agonizing back pain. More women die of osteoporosis due to hip fractures than of cancer of the breast, uterus and cervix combined. But the outlook is much less bleak now that the National Osteoporosis Society has been formed to fund and promote research into the disease, to educate younger women about prevention through diet and *exercise and to help* osteoporotic patients of all ages. Membership of a local branch costs £5, and you will also receive regular newsletters. Write to Barton Meade House, PO Box 10, Radstock, Bath, BA3 3YB (0761 32472).

Josephine Fairley

Too many, too old?

America's expert on ageing is in town with a warning: a population time bomb is ticking away

How old is old? Is it 60, or 65, or just as old as you feel? Do we need a redefinition of old age? In Britain, where life expectancy has risen by 26 years since 1900, there are now substantially more old-age pensioners (more than nine and a half million) than there are children on the school register (seven million). The number of British centenarians is expected to jump from 140 in 1971 to 4,000 by the end of the century. And who is going to look after them?

To Alan Pifer, a young-looking 65 and President *Emeritus of the Carnegie* Corporation in New York, these are vital questions. He believes we are sitting on a population time bomb, set to go off in the early years of the next century, as the "baby boom" children of the post-World War II years and the 1970s grow old in their turn. And this is the message of a lecture he will deliver tonight to the Royal Society of Arts in London.

Pifer's nightmare — the global unpreparedness of societies and governments in the face of rapidly increasing elderly populations — has only recently begun to attract the serious attention of demographers. But still not, he argues, that of the people who are in a position to make decisions concerning the future, and not that of the public at large, which continues to regard the elderly in muddled, patronizing and foolishly out-of-date ways.

Two of the most short-sighted misconceptions, he says, are that the elderly are few and far between and that their numbers are growing very slowly. Something has to be done now. Pifer says, if the younger generation of the early 2000s is not to be "the most heavily burdened in history". Pifer, who in 1982 helped set up Carnegie's Aging Society Project to study the financial and social implications of elderly populations, was first drawn to the subject through his fears of what might happen to the young. He argues that in the US, where the elderly lobby is very strong, particularly when it comes to rights and benefits, cuts are being made in programmes for children and for *the poor*.

Alan Pifer: "After 10 years there will be very little time left"

Pifer, who is well known in the US through his television appearances, says basic steps must be taken now to safeguard the future of those who will be responsible for caring for the burgeoning aged population. These include promoting a high level of economic growth in order to finance the enormous pension load; restructuring the health care system and training doctors and nurses in geriatric medicine; checking *environmental* pollution and retraining workers so that their skills do not become obsolete; and devoting more time to questioning the ethics of deciding who to keep alive and who not.

'In America cuts are being made in services for children...'

He has an ally in Dr Eric Midwinter, aged 54, of the Centre for Policy on Ageing in London, who has been observing the demographic trends of British society with similar anxiety. Independently, both he and Dr Midwinter have reached a similar conclusion. They argue that what is needed now is a redefinition of "old age" and "elderly". "What I call the 'third quarter of life', the years between 50 and 75, is in fact not very different from the earlier years. On the contrary, because there have been strides forward in medicine, there is no longer anything magical about the age 60 or 65. People go right on having the same interests, the same enthusiasms and often the same energy well into their seventies."

But not, as Dr Midwinter points out, the same money. Along with a redefinition of what constitutes "old age" he has been campaigning in Britain for a "social wage", so that the elderly cease to be the dependent and impoverished section of society.

Is Pifer hopeful that people will listen to him? "No. Not within the next 10 years at any rate — and after that there is *very little time left*."

Caroline Moorehead

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Shh! Roger and out

Special Branch has missed a trick. Though it has raided BBC Scotland and the *New Statesman* over Duncan Campbell's spy satellite exclusive, there has so far been no sharp rap on Roger Stanyard's door. Stanyard published details of Zircon – which he nicknamed Schhh-Sat – nearly two years ago in his subscription-only newsletter *Interspace*. Though he thought it was part of Trident's communications system rather than a listening post, he revealed that Zircon's cost had not gone before Parliament and announced to within a degree Schhh-Sat's future location in the heavens (the figure later clumsily whited out from an industry press release). Stanyard tells me that shortly after publication, noises on the line made him suspect that a phone in his Aldershot office was being tapped. "We're waiting daily for a personal visit," he says. Ever eager to save police time, let me remind Special Branch that if the hunt is on for a copy of the article, *Interspace* numbers the GCHQ library in Cheltenham among its subscribers.

That's adbiz

The latest foray into Aids-related bad taste appears in *Campaign magazine*. Among the full-page ads, typographer Reg Wiseman extols the merits of his work for the official Aids campaign under this headline:

HOW I GOT AIDS

BY REG WISEMAN

Beneath is a photograph of a dishevelled Wiseman looking for all the world in the last throes of something. Yesterday, the Central Office of Information, which handles the campaign for the DHSS, told me the ad was "cheap and tasteless". Barry Delaney, who wrote the copy for it, assures me that Wiseman is meant to look hard-working rather than ill and that "no offence was meant". His claim, however, that the DHSS *approved the ad brought a swift* denial from Alexander Fleming House. *Campaign*'s editor, Christine Barker, says: "It shouldn't have been run in the first place. It was not approved by either me or my publishing director." Can't wait for the next Advertising Standards report.

Pay policy

The Labour Party is giving nothing away. And I mean nothing. When Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Secretary, asked for a copy of Labour's new policy document *Towards a new agriculture*, his office was told there was nothing doing until the princely sum of £1 had been received and duly processed. After protracted negotiations, the party finally agreed to *accept a postal order.*

- **The latest joke at the BBC is better heard rather than read: What's the difference between Alasdair Milne and Ralph Halpern? One was brought down by a hussy, the other wasn't.**

Dishonoured

Finding himself excluded from a recent European Council debate, the 15th Earl of Kinnoull delivered his speech in writing. Unfortunately, his lordly scrawl was not always legible and the council's official report thus records Kinnoull referring to Sir Frederic Bennett, elected to Westminster more than 35 years ago, as "my humble friend". The adjective intended was "honourable".

BARRY FANTONI

'The first thing I knew about it was when I gave the order.'

Major interest

John Major, the hapless Social Security Minister whose controversial heating allowances for the old briefly made him Public Enemy No 1 during the cold snap, has a special interest in seeing the Royal Opera House pull free from its financial doldrums: his opera-buff wife, Norma, publishes a biography of Joan Sutherland in May. During her research, Major's love of opera has come on apace. It is just as well. On their first date in 1970, Major, then a Lambeth councillor, took Norma to Covent Garden for a gala concert. The evening's peak was reached when Miss Sutherland took the stage to perform the mad scene from *Lucia di Lammermoor*. As the notes soared, Norma turned to share her rapture. To her horror she discovered her future-beloved – exhausted by a succession of late-night meetings – slumped in profound sleep.

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Escaping from the secrecy farce

As the BBC controversy rages, Des Wilson argues for an information law that works

We really are close to farce when a campaigner for freedom of information has to advise ministers how to keep their secrets: but someone has to do it, for it is clear that the combined forces of the Civil Service and the Special Branch have failed lamentably.

That some secrecy is necessary I accept unreservedly. Of course we have to avoid disclosures that would endanger the security of the state, would impair proper law-enforcement, would adversely affect legitimate state and private financial transactions or would invade personal privacy.

However, to control disclosures it is necessary to maintain respect for the very word "secret" and to establish a consensus on what needs to be kept secret and what does not. Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act has become a menace to state and citizen alike because it *has caused the opposite to happen.* Because of its indiscriminate nature it has given secrecy a bad name. And while it exists there is no chance of a consensus on control and disclosure of information – a consensus that in my view is otherwise achievable.

All of this was foreseen by the Franks Committee as far back as 1972: "A government which operates in greater secrecy than the effective conduct of its proper function requires . . . will lose the trust of the people . . . Its critics will try to break down all barriers erected to preserve secrecy and they will disclose all that they can, by whatever means, discover. As a result, matters will be revealed when they ought to remain secret."

We have evidence that exactly this has happened in the United States, from a source as unlikely as a former director of the CIA, Admiral Stansfield Turner: "The increase of classified information . . . has diminished respect for it and encouraged carelessness in handling it . . . The open publication of all materials that can be declassified should be encouraged. This would reduce the disclosure of what really must be kept secret."

My case then is that one of the main obstacles to the protection of *real* secrets (an obstacle, also, to freedom of information) is Section 2 itself. It is now held in such universal contempt, not just by so-called radicals but by senior politicians of all parties, by many present and past civil servants, by respected jurists, and by the public, that it is with increasing justification being abandoned in practice.

The final nail in its coffin should have been the refusal by the jury in the Clive Ponting case to convict, despite a clear lead to do so by the judge.

As the extraordinary fishing expedition by the Special Branch at the BBC offices in Scotland underlines, the removal of Section 2 will have the additional advantage of enhancing civil liberties, for it contains powers to search and seize that would more than satisfy the KGB.

What then is the alternative? It is, first, to establish a consensus between the state and the citizen as to what in the public interest should be kept secret. It should not be sufficient that information has to do with defence or national security or law-enforcement, but rather that disclosure would *seriously endanger or impair* defence, national security or law-enforcement. Nor should it be a justification for secrecy that the release of information would embarrass the government of the day.

Nor should the decision as to whether secrecy is justified be that of government, any more than it should be that of, say, Duncan Campbell. If there are doubts, the decision *should lie with an* information commissioner (of a status similar to or even stronger than the ombudsman) and/or a tribunal, possibly made up of an all-party team of privy counsellors.

Once the consensus is achieved on what should remain secret, all other information should be readily available under freedom of information legislation.

We will then all know where we are. Yes, ministers can keep the few secrets that are really necessary. Yes, we then can have greater public accountability. And, yes, it does work. Freedom of information, with exemptions for genuinely necessary secrecy, exists in many countries, including those whose constitution is based on the Westminster model.

Whatever other reservations people may have about it, it has never been suggested in any of those countries that it has led to an increase in leaks of vital secrets. The opposite is the case. The irony is that we in Britain have the most draconian secret laws and also the *most leaking of information.* This speaks for itself.

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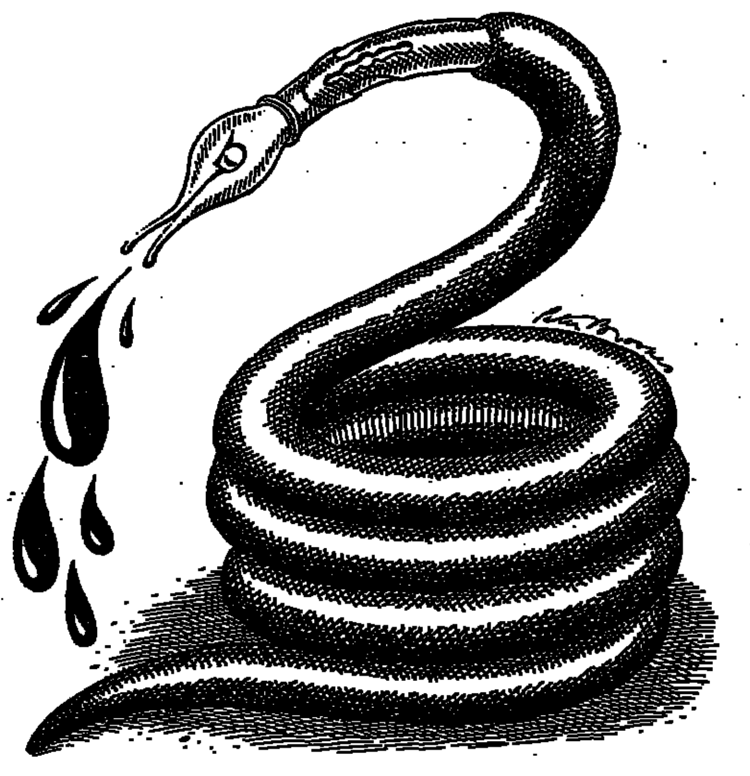
Hugh Stephenson on an emotive word that can have venomous effects

Colour in the news: handle with care



Bob Borzello is a publisher in Islington. He came here from Chicago 20 years ago. He is of Italian stock, now in his middle years, and unexceptional in appearance. He has, though, the tenacity of a terrier when he commits himself to a project.

A Borzello project was born on April 4, 1984. On that day *The Daily Telegraph* carried this report: "A 24-year-old unaccompanied black L-driver, who killed two women in an on-coming car when he drove at 60mph down the wrong side of a road in south London, was jailed for 18 months at the Old Bailey yesterday."

Why, Borzello asked *himself*, did the paper have to tell its readers that the driver was black? His colour had no relevance to the crime, the trial or the sentence. American papers today would never think of putting the adjective "black" into that sentence in that context. And so began a one-man attack on the ethical standards of the British press in reporting stories involving members of racial minorities.

More than 30 formal complaints to the Press Council later, *against every national daily (The Times* included) except the *Financial Times* and the *Morning Star*, Borzello is close to achieving institutional status in the industry.

What is the argument over the reporting of colour about? In part, *of course, it is about* shoddy, unfair and unprincipled journalism – headlines and picture captions that hype a story but are unjustified by the words, pictures deliberately cropped to make a racial point, liberal use of adjectives like "loony" and "extreme" applied to black leaders.

Complaints of this kind have been made against all the popular tabloids and upheld by the Press Council. But they are in essence complaints against a particular brand of journalism. The serious and difficult arguments centre on the extent to which reporting should be colour-blind in a multiracial society like ours. The code of conduct issued by the National Union of Journalists makes the categoric statement that a journalist "shall only mention a person's race and colour (and creed, illegitimacy, disability, marital status or lack of it, gender and sexual orientation for that matter) if this information is strictly relevant".

It all depends on what you mean by strictly, but most journalists, even when they accept the spirit of this injunction, depart from its letter pretty frequently. I have done so, for example, in my first paragraph. It is not "strictly relevant" to what I am writing that Borzello is of Italian stock. On the other hand, it would be surprising if someone from Chicago with a name like Borzello was Hispanic, Polish or Jewish-American, so why not out with the fact that he is Italian-American?

The maligned and derided Press Council has, through its adjudications since 1984, been groping towards a coherent doctrine. In the L-driver case it took in effect the NUJ line that the convicted *man's colour was not relevant. The Daily Telegraph* disagreed, but the case attracted little or no attention. Then came the big one.

In 1985, a 17-year-old was convicted of murdering a girl and admitted raping five others. *The Sun, Daily Mail, Daily Express* and *The London Evening Standard* were all censured for reporting that the youth was black. Fleet Street's reaction was almost universally hostile to the council.

Each of the papers reprimanded reported what *the council had said, but* then counter-attacked editorially. The common line was that the Press Council had gone off its rocker and that it was for editors and readers to decide what facts were relevant, not the Press Council or anyone else. The most thoroughgoing defence was entered by *The Daily Telegraph* in a leader headed Facts Are Sacred. "Who is to judge what is relevant? . . . An honest newspaper reporter tells his readers everything that he thinks they would be interested in knowing about an event . . . What it [the council] says, in effect, is that there are certain facts which it is too dangerous for the people to know . . . The remedy is not to suppress facts but to reveal them all and discuss them properly."

The Press Council seems since to have tried to establish a more pragmatic doctrine. After all, in the real world it is not possible to keep *all* references to race and colour out of newspaper reports. *Photographs in newspapers and* television reports of the same events inevitably reveal an individual's colour and clearly cannot be banned.

Good journalism is often based on the written word's capacity economically to project a picture of what is being described. In some contexts, phrases such as Asian shopkeeper or Rastafarian youth could be considered negative stereotyping, but in others they are a quick and accurate way of communicating a great deal of information in quite acceptable shorthand.

The new doctrine is that references to race and colour should not be included irrelevantly when they are presented in a prejudicial context for the minority concerned. Thus last year the Press Council criticized the *Daily Express* for reporting that a member of a gang of *black* Brixton youths was convicted at the Old Bailey of raping two *white* girls.

But what of the argument put forward most consistently by *The Daily Telegraph* that "facts are sacred"? It is an argument of principle to which journalists and editors rightly cling. It is indeed potentially dangerous when editors, as they all do to some extent, apply censorship or direction to the pattern of news reporting.

After the Brixton riots Lord Scarman declared that editors have a duty to take into account the likely impact on events of what they report and to pay constant attention to the social implications of their power to influence attitudes. This may seem obviously reasonable to a judge, politician or other non-journalist. It makes journalists profoundly and rightly uneasy about where it leads in terms of the functioning of the press in our kind of society.

The *Daily Telegraph* line, though, is too simplistic. There are countless "facts" associated with any person or event. Not all of them can be included. To take an extreme case to illustrate the point, many people in public life and a fair sprinkling in the criminal community are Jewish. Yet Fleet Street has long ceased to include this "fact" when writing about individuals in a negative context.

By contrast, as Sir Zelman Cowan, the Press Council's chairman, has said: "References to race and colour are highly selective and appear to find their way into reports of cases of grosser criminal violence where the persons convicted are black." The Press Council's view is that the more abhorrent and emotive a crime, the less excusable it is to mention a defendant's colour without justification.

I think that the difference in the way the British press now treats the words Jewish and black is instructive. In part it must reflect the lobbying and advertising power that undoubtedly makes editors much more *careful* about offending the one community than the other.

But the more important development is that since 1945 British society has collectively decided that anti-semitism is unacceptable. Of course it still exists at individual and group levels, but it is institutionally unacceptable and the language of the press has reflected this social change.

An equivalent shift happened in the United States over race, as segregation ended in law and in practice during the 1960s. That change, too, was reflected in the American press. No equivalent change has yet taken place in this country.

All the dominant institutions of *our multiracial society remain* essentially white; none more so than the national press. Across its entire range it exudes the fact that it is written by whites for whites, even when reporting on black issues. (Why, for example, is this article being written by a white?)

Perhaps things are changing slowly. Newspapers, like most of us, react to criticism by rejecting it initially. But in that process of rejection a seed of doubt and change is often sown. Borzello has even won admissions from some papers that they may have erred. "Thank you for drawing this to my attention," one London deputy editor wrote recently, "because it has prompted me to draw the staff's attention to the fact that this is an area which needs handling with great care and thought."

Care and thought are at least an important starting-point.

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Again the flowers turn to poisonous weeds

China's leaders are going all-out to reassure intellectuals that there will be no new Cultural Revolution. The party knows that a frightening sense of *déjà vu* is being felt in the country. When Deng Xiaoping singled out Liu *Binyan last month as one of the* country's three most troublesome "bourgeois liberals", all Chinese writers knew that something dreadful was resurfacing.

The writers remember that almost exactly 30 years ago, when Mao lost patience with writers who had accepted his invitation to speak out boldly and "let a hundred flowers bloom", Liu was condemned and exiled for writing a story critical of the party. He was not fully rehabilitated for 20 years.

China's most famous investigative journalist, Liu has now been purged from the party for opening "the path for the return of capitalism to China", violating party discipline and "trumpeting bourgeois liberalism". Bourgeois liberalism, as defined by Deng Xioaping, means urging the end of party supremacy, which in his view falls very near to treason.

This time Liu's real crime is having the wrong friends. Or friend. He is the first victim of the current purge directly connected to the recently disgraced party *general secretary, Hu Yaobang.*

It is a long connection. In 1957 when Hu became first secretary of the Communist Youth League, Liu was the editor of its newspaper. After the death of Mao in 1976, as Hu became increasingly powerful he saw to it that Liu was given a position on the *People's Daily*. It was in that position that Liu won the admiration of millions of readers for disclosures of party corruption.

The story for which Liu was condemned in 1957, *Inside News*, tells of an idealistic young woman reporter who tries to reveal the truth about suffering coalminers. "When what the miners want more than anything else is to lie down and sleep for several days," she tells her editor, "how can you expect them to study, much less think of ways to raise production?"

She tells her man friend: "You know the logic. All party congresses are democratic. All central tasks enjoy mass participation. But if you forget about those *clichés and describe real life* instead, then you're accused of being against the editor or of thinking wrong." The story was denounced as "a poisonous weed".

In the same "anti-bourgeois" campaign led by Deng, a 22-year-old writer, Wang Meng, was banished to the countryside for another "poisonous" story, *The Newcomer*. This, too, told of the disillusion of a young party idealist. The editor who had commissioned the story repudiated Wang to save his own skin. Wang disappeared for 20 years – an exile so total, he was to recall, that he threw away his pen.

In better days, in 1983, when Liu's *Inside News* was republished together with Wang's *The Newcomer*, Wang wrote an introduction saying that those who condemned such stories 20 years before had imagined that "by breaking thermometers which gave readings they did not like, they could ensure that the real weather would never be too hot or too cold".

In the spring of 1986, Wang Meng became Minister of Culture. Writers must not write to order, he told an interviewer then. "If you are assigned the task of laughing, can you really laugh?" But two weeks ago, in an effort to save himself no less pathetic than his own editor's 30 years earlier, Wang called on all cultural workers to subordinate themselves to the party's policies and oppose "bourgeois liberalism".

Four days later, Liu Binyan, who had followed Wang Meng into the wilderness in 1957, fell again. Others will fall very soon. Once again Wang Meng may have to throw away his pen.

Jonathan Mirsky

Digby Anderson

The tiniest and most defenceless

Every year there is a competition among the various lobbies to establish their cause as the cause of the year. One month into 1987, we have already seen several runners.

Shelter is entering homelessness – again. David Sheppard, the Bishop of Liverpool, is doing his best to rejuvenate another familiar competitor, comfortable-uncomfortable Britain, in the apparently new colours of the North-South divide. The anti-alcohol lobby is game as ever and the environment has some official, if not yet much poular, backing. Aids is obviously favourite, but these competitions are often won by a late entrant.

My selection is violence to very young children. I choose it not because it will win but because it is not clear whose cause it is. Hurt children is an old cause loyally and genuinely espoused by that excellent charity the NSPCC. But it will not have escaped readers' attention that others have taken it up.

Radical feminists see it as a weapon to beat the hated normal family and the even more hated fathers. While they ranted ideologically against either of these, few people listened to them. Much better *then to present* themselves positively as protecting abused children and add, as an apparent afterthought, "from their abusers, nearly always men".

There is no need to rant against fathers. Every heart-rending description of the children – tiny, defenceless and brutally assaulted – invites the reader or hearer to do that for him or herself. And, to be sure, the tinier, the more defenceless and the more scarred the better. Photographs can and have been used to great effect, as have children telling the story of their sufferings.

But it is a dangerous strategy. For each argument, each appeal to sympathy and sentiment, each exploitation of tininess and defencelessness, leads remorselessly back to a group of children about which *the radical feminists* have very different views.

If tininess, defencelessness and the extent of violence are to be the criteria for concern, these children are tinier, totally defenceless and terminally assaulted. I mean aborted babies.

And, to drive the unpleasant lesson home to its most unpalatable end, the final decision to assault these unborn children is taken by women.

No, no. Before the letters of abuse come flooding in, I am not *necessarily endorsing the* argument, just showing how it can be driven. Radical feminists should be very wary of using "abused children" as ideological and sentimental ammunition. The ammunition may well explode in their faces.

Like most of the "advances" of the Sixties, easy abortion is up for reappraisal. The Bishop of Birmingham's bill to restrict abortion, which had its second reading last Wednesday, is but one of several forthcoming initiatives. *Mary Kenny's recent book Abortion* was followed last Friday by another, *Two Million Silent Killings.*

Evidence is mounting that children not *only capable of being* born alive (the criteria of the Infant Life Preservation Act 1929) but children capable of surviving are being aborted.

In 1986, some 2,500 abortions were carried out on foetuses of more than 21 weeks' gestation. A study of one *maternity hospital in* 1984 found 72 per cent of infants of 22-27 weeks' gestation capable not only of being born but of surviving.

Pressure is growing to reduce the number of weeks at which abortion is permitted – later here than in most of Europe – and, most of all, for the Government, both as law-enforcer and owner and licenser of properties on which abortions are carried out, rigorously to enforce the existing law, the 1929 act.

> ❝ It will become more and more difficult for radical feminists to present themselves as champions of children's rights ❞

Early opponents of abortion *focused on the right to life of all* unborn children. It was an absolute moral argument not likely to find favour with popular pragmatism. The most recent arguments are far more likely to succeed.

Far from preaching morals, absolute or relative, by concentrating on late abortions, they activate those unsystematic but deep concerns which people have for children, and very plausibly invite them over the dividing line of birth.

These late abortions look like children, can be seen as suffering like children, can be seen to deserve the sympathy given to children. Miss Kenny's *description* in her book of a 22-week abortion is a far more powerful argument than the *prescriptions* of the earlier moralists.

Trained and presented like this, there is a good chance that the horse will run well. If so, it will become more and more difficult for radical feminists to present themselves as champions of *children's rights.*

Their expressed concern for abused, defenceless tiny children will be increasingly incredible when set against their actual behaviour to the most abused, defenceless and tiniest of all; and their denunciations of male irresponsibility hollow when seen against their claims for autonomy to the point of taking life.

It will be an interesting competition, in rhetoric as much as logic.

The author is director of the Social Affairs Unit.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Youths run riot during debate

The House yesterday held the emergency debate, forced by Labour the previous day, on the Great Glasgow Memo Robbery.

In his opening speech, Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, perhaps conscious of his growing reputation for verbal excess, decided *to switch to peaceful* opposition to the regime. His speech was restrained and ironic, apart from some sporadic stone-throwing during the peroration.

Unfortunately, the effect of such dignified civil disobedience was ruined when youths ran riot earlier during questions to the Prime Minister – the chief offender being identified as Neil Kinnock, said to be the gang's leader.

"Incompetence", "injustice", "obsession", "cover-up", and "*killing the rule of law*" were among the words and phrases thrown across the chamber by Mr Kinnock. Later they were put on display by the authorities. The Conservative view was that it was a miracle no-one was killed.

It was the second day running that such *missiles had been thrown* from the Labour benches in what promises to be a week of disturbances sparked off by the police action in Glasgow. On both days Tory backbenchers charged the crowd. As usual, this has led to accusations of Tory brutality.

For example, Mr Ray Whitney (Wycombe, C) was seen in yesterday's newspapers and on television to strike Labour members on the head with a simile about the BBC entrusting a television series about secrecy to Mr Duncan Campbell. "Is that not," he asked, "*like entrusting Myra Hindley* with charge of a children's home?" Few of us would condone that kind of excess by any officer. But it is inevitable that, in a force of nearly 400 Conservatives, there are bound to be a few rotten apples. Conservative MPs are, after all, a *cross-section of society*. Naturally, some of them reflect the violence and pent-up hatreds of that society. The great majority of Tory MPs are doing a tremendous job in very difficult circumstances. At the same time, some sympathy should be shown for the frustration and anger felt by young people such as Mr Kinnock. Opinion polls suggest that he will still be unemployed after the general election and well into the third term of Thatcher rule.

Mr Kaufman's was a good speech. It had several good jokes. For example, after Mr Michael Heseltine had made a great show of defending the Government, Mr Kaufman observed that it was "a peculiar and rare example of a rat trying to jump back on a sinking ship".

After two days of this controversy, as in all others of its kind, the cardinal principle of English law has asserted itself. This is that no-one can agree about what the Attorney-General does. He is both the Government's chief lawyer *and man of affairs, as well as some* sort of chief prosecutor. He is also an MP.

Furthermore, as far as English politicians are concerned, the Scottish Lord Advocate could be anyone.

Under the confused circumstances *Dr David Owen* did well not to keep on trying to involve the Prime Minister in giving orders to the Attorney-General, Home Secretary, and the Glasgow police. Instead, he concentrated effectively on the ridiculous width of the warrants which the police were allowed by a Scottish judge (not by Mrs Thatcher or the Attorney-General).

But during questions to the Prime Minister, Mr Kevin McNamara, a Labour defence spokesman, did better than any of them. He pointed out that the Prime Minister *should "come clean about the* activities of the Attorney General and his dining with people who are subject to criminal inquiries." He pointed out that the Attorney-General had had lunch at the Garrick club with the said Mr Duncan Campbell in July 1985 in *connection with research on the* banned programme.

This demonstrated two other principles of the British constitution. The Attorney-General is often in trouble, and he is often in the Garrick club.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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MR VOLCKER'S MEDICINE

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, has again confirmed his indispensability on the international scene. In testimony before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress at the beginning of the week, he gave a timely reminder that the burden of economic adjustment does not fall only on countries in balance of payments surplus.

Although a faster rate of growth abroad was desirable, he said, it would not of itself solve America's problems. Tackling the internal budget deficit was part and parcel of policies to tackle the external trade deficit, and the US should, if necessary, be prepared to accept slower growth and a temporary rise in unemployment in order to get its own fiscal house in order.

Given the rapid and continuing expansion of world trade, there is clearly a case for doing what can be done to coordinate national economic policies. And it may very well be true that the risk to inflation from a slightly more expansionist policy in the major surplus countries, Germany and Japan, is small. Inflation in Germany is currently negative and in Japan around zero. But it would be surprising if the world's two most successful economies were eager to take lessons in economic management from their more profligate trading partners. Germany has now reduced its interest rates by ½ per cent which was the limit of what most people expected.

The theory of "locomotion", in which one country (the US) would take all the inflationary risks and haul the world economy out of recession, did not work in the 1970s. Nor did the subsequent idea that all the leading industrialized countries should take inflationary risks together and steam out of recession "in convoy". Imbalances usually imply adjustments on both sides.

Apart from fiscal adjustments, the other important engine of change is, of course, the massive fall in the foreign exchange value of the dollar. That has already occurred and its effects may now at last be starting to show through in the trade accounts. It is unwise, as the US Treasury Secretary Mr James Baker warned, to read too much into one month's figures. But the substantial fall in the trade deficit in December from a revised $15.4 billion to $10.7 billion, coupled with a steady rise in the longer term trend in export volume, is certainly a move in the right direction. Devaluation, in other words, seems to be starting to work.

It may also be starting to work in the UK. After the big fall in the pound last year, export volumes in the most recent three months have been buoyant and business confidence, as the latest survey of the Confederation of British Industry showed, is high. Whereas devaluation in an inflationary environment like the 1970s led only to higher pay demands eroding the cost advantage bestowed by a lower exchange rate, it is much more likely to be beneficial when, as at present, commodity prices (including oil) are putting downward pressure on the general price level.

A few more encouraging sets of trade figures — both in the UK and the US — would do much to underpin sterling and, more importantly, the dollar. They would also help to draw the teeth of American protectionism, that unfortunate child of German and Japanese trading success.

The eleventh hour agreement with the EEC over the effect of Spanish and Portuguese entry to the Community was in everyone's interests. But the US should not conclude from it that European governments are now a pushover on trade issues. In the aircraft industry, for instance, subsidy is regrettably a fact of life and US claims that Britain, France and Germany have played outside the rules in subsidising the European Airbus have to be seen in the context of the huge, and hugely profitable, defence contracts enjoyed by US aircraft manufacturers.

In the foreign exchange markets yesterday, dealers remained bearish on the dollar despite Mr Volcker's statement that a further fall was in no-one's interest. The decision not to call a meeting, for the time being, of the Group of Five leading financial nations removed one source of comfort to the markets, though it is difficult to see in what way the G5 could reassure. The solution, as Mr Volcker indicated, still lies mainly in America's own hands.

THE PRICE OF RAPE

The sentences passed yesterday by Mr Justice Leonard on two men who brutally raped a girl in a vicarage in the presence of the vicar, and also severely beat him up, have already elicited some expressions of outrage for their leniency. The public understanding of the sentences will not be made easier by the fourteen years awarded to a third participant in the crime who, nevertheless, had no part in the rape. On this last point, however, Mr Justice Leonard can be unequivocally defended: Horscroft, this third man, seems to have led and planned the enterprise, and his sentence also took into account several other unconnected offences to which he had admitted.

The question, then, is the appropriateness of the punishments meted out to the two rapists. Even on this score, there is a case for Mr Justice Leonard. He can claim to have observed the general guidelines laid down last February by Lord Chief Justice Lane on the sentencing for rape. These guidelines, however, are of so abstract and complex a character as to make any application of them to a particular case highly disputable. For the moment, let the judge have the benefit of the doubt.

What will concern the public is not what Mr Justice Leonard has awarded these criminals but how long they are, in practice, likely to serve. The two things are widely different. In 1985 the average sentence imposed for rape was 42.9 months; the average sentence actually served for rape was only twenty months.

It is not absolutely certain that the two Ealing rapists will be eligible for parole under the guidelines laid down by Mr Leon Brittan. They will, however, still be eligible for the remission of a third of their sentences in respect of good behaviour in prison. In other words, it is immensely likely that the punishments which have in fact been inflicted on them will be considerably less grave than those which they have ostensibly been given.

It is to remission and parole, therefore, that public attention should be directed. Almost equally important, where sentences as contentious as these are concerned, judges must surely do rather better than Mr Justice Leonard has done in explaining them to the public.

He told McCall that a sentence which would adequately reflect the public horror at his offence could not be imposed; but why? Apparently for two exceedingly obscure reasons. The first was that as the criminal was only 22, a sufficient sentence would be disproportionate to his age. It is true that young offenders can very often count on leniency dictated by regard for the immaturity of their judgement, but this principle can hardly apply to a crime of these proportions. In some ways, moreover, a heavy prison sentence is a far greater affliction to an old than a young man. On grounds of sheer public safety, the case for keeping sexual criminals under lock and key while their virility is at its height could well be argued.

Mr Justice Leonard's second reason for relative clemency is even odder. He says that the victim of the rape does not appear to have suffered a severe trauma. If so, that is a tribute to her own extraordinary moral resources; it does nothing to diminish the guilt of her assailants or the danger which their liberty will present to society. The courts do, indeed, take the view that a man accused of rape should be rewarded for pleading guilty because that plea spares the victim the anguish of appearing in the witness box. The motive for that convention is humane, but its consistency with justice is more questionable.

All these considerations strengthen the case for the Government's proposed reform — a system under which sentences which arouse public outrage because of their leniency can be reviewed by the Court of Appeal, not for the purpose of altering them but for that of pronouncing on their appropriateness in order to provide guidelines for future decisions by the courts.

Mr Hurd should persevere in this intention.

UNDER THE AYATOLLAH

The strange saga of Iran's relations with the United States took another turn at the weekend with the arrest in Tehran, apparently on spying charges, of an American correspondent, Mr Gerald Seib. Mr Seib was one of 90 foreign correspondents invited to Iran two weeks ago to see and hear the Iranian side of the Gulf War.

It is perverse politics, to say the least, for Iran to offer hospitality to Western journalists, only to detain one of their number. If Mr Seib's presence, and his passport, were so unacceptable to the Iranians, any embarrassment could have been avoided by denying him a visa in the first place.

The immediate effect of Mr Seib's detention will be to negate much of the value that might have accrued to the Iranian regime from the journalists' visit. Iran has not built up so much good will abroad for its cause — either in the war against Iran or in its Islamic revolution at home — that it can afford to squander such opportunities. To this extent, it is tempting to regard the arrest of a US journalist as a genuine mistake, occasioned by confusion of names or identities.

If so, it is an unfortunate error. Iran has grounds for arguing that its view of the world has not been sufficiently appreciated outside its borders. The descent into economic and political anarchy that has been widely predicted at intervals during the rule of the ayatollahs has not happened. There have even been isolated signs that the excesses of the first years of the Islamic Republic have eased.

All of which is not to say that life in Iran today is pleasant, predictable or safe. There are desperate shortages of food and medicines. The progress towards increased rights for women and non-Islamic minorities, won in the time of the Shah, has been negated. People still disappear from their homes overnight.

It would, however, be wrong to present the Islamic regime in Iran as staggering towards its end, either through military defeat or internal dissension. That is the truth that foreign visitors to Iran bring back with them, and it is the truth — unpalatable though it will be to many — that the West needs to hear if it is to formulate a realistic and well-informed foreign policy.

It is possible, however, that Mr Seib's detention is not a mistake. A plausible, but more sinister, explanation is that he has fallen victim to continuing discord within the Iranian leadership — the kind of discord which allowed some ayatollahs to respond positively to the clandestine diplomacy of the United States and then to deny that such a response had been given.

While the group of Western journalists which included Mr Seib was in Iran, they were addressed by Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, believed to be the pivotal figure in contacts between Iran and the United States. He left them in no doubt that — whatever the evidence to the contrary — hostility towards the United States is still the only acceptable public stance in Tehran today.

So long as Mr Seib is under arrest in Iran, he is as much a hostage to Middle East politics as those held against their will in Lebanon, and the prospects for his release are just as unpredictable. The difference is that Mr Seib is held by a government, a government which — by inviting foreign correspondents at all — appears to recognize the need to improve its image. The very least it can now do is to release him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Special Branch raid on the BBC

From the President of the Royal Television Society and others

Sir, We wish to endorse the vigorous letter of protest (report, February 3) which the Chairman of the BBC has sent to Government ministers about the Special Branch raid on the BBC headquarters in Glasgow.

No sensible person wishes to endanger national security, but the Chairman of the BBC makes it clear that the programmes that have been seized by the Special Branch deal with matters of public interest.

It seems to us extraordinary that such material can now apparently be confiscated legitimately. We believe we speak for other people not involved in television who are taken aback by what has been done.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL FOX, President,
Royal Television Society,
JOHN GAU (Chairman of Council),
DAVID ATTENBOROUGH,
DAVID PLOWRIGHT,
AUBREY SINGER, BRIAN TESLER,
JOHN WHITNEY (Vice-Presidents),
DAVID GLENCROSS (Director of Television, Independent Broadcasting Authority),
Royal Television Society,
Tavistock House East,
Tavistock Square, WC1.

Mr Milne's departure

From Mr James Cellan-Jones

Sir, It seems strange to read of the departure of Alasdair Milne from the BBC in the Egyptian Press. To be working abroad with over 80 of his colleagues and spending several millions pounds of the BBC's money one feels one should be at home for his departure.

He was a director-general in whom many of his colleagues had great trust. In my small foray into management he taught me more of the splendours and miseries of command than I thought possible. If he did not suffer fools gladly he taught one to concentrate one's mind against foolishness and, by concealment, end it.

He was loyal to his staff the only way that matters, downwards. If he was often uncompromising, that was a matter of relief to a programme-maker too often faced with trimming and double-talk.

The BBC will be greatly the poorer for his leaving: perhaps in its present state it does not deserve a leader of such probity.

Sir, I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,
JAMES CELLAN-JONES,
Ramada Renaissance Hotel,
Alexandria, Egypt.

From Mr Edward Liddell

Sir, Perhaps the most important quality that should be looked for in appointing a new director-general is the ability to instil throughout the staff a sense of patriotism. This is nothing to do with party allegiance, but it is very much to do with not disparaging your own country.

Obviously, there are the cases where programme-makers deliberately attempt to broadcast information which might be useful to our enemies which come to mind, but less obvious are the attempts, in the alleged interest of impartiality, to strike a balance between the forces of law and order and the IRA or between Britain and the Argentine over the Falklands. There may be arguments in favour of either side but as the British Broadcasting Corporation it is surely the duty of the BBC to support the British point of view.

Again there are too many occasions where the BBC reporters criticise British exports and British exporters, not necessarily by the words they use but by the tone of voice in which the words are spoken. They also criticise wealth-creation and profit. They take great delight in a fall in the value of the pound, but rarely give equal space to a rise in the value. Annually they criticise the length of the Christmas break without saying it is part of people's annual holiday entitlement.

They attack the authorities for their speed in dealing with snowstorms and compare us badly with other countries; even in the same bulletin as they did this they later showed a German motorway at a standstill because of frozen diesel.

I hope a director-general is appointed who is able to lead the staff to understand that they carry a major reponsibility for upholding a sense of pride in our country for whose national broadcasting service they work. This, I believe, is what the public expects of the BBC.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD LIDDELL,
72 Swanland Road,
Hessle, North Humberside.
January 30.

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds

Sir, In the list of governors of the BBC which appeared on your front page on January 31, all are identified by their professional interests except Lady Parkes, who is labelled "wife of the Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University".

My wife has for many years devoted a great deal of time to visiting and trying to understand every aspect of the BBC, particularly at local and regional level, and she has made comparable contacts with broadcasting systems in other countries. From her former membership of the Press Council she is also well acquainted with the companion medium of the Press.

I, in common with other vice-chancellors, rarely have an evening or weekend free of university business, and the time I devote to viewing, listening and reading of newspapers is very small compared with that of the average citizen.

I am puzzled as to why you should have chosen to label Lady Parkes, alone among the governors, with what must appear, to anyone who knows me, to be a disqualification. Is it because she is a woman? Or is this the beginning of a new policy of identifying people by their spouses? I am happy to be "husband of Lady Parkes": she is professionally concerned with and knowledgeable about higher education.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD PARKES,
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Leeds,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Polls in doubt

From the Editor of New Society

Sir, Mr Robert Worcester (feature, January 26) argues that the markets were silly to mark the pound down two cents on the basis of a single Gallup opinion poll showing a 5 per cent Labour lead. I agree. But the fact is that they did so react. More important perhaps, so do voters.

Paul Whiteley, in his study of the 1983 general election, shows conclusively that the Alliance did substantially better among the 1.8million voters who were influenced by the polls, presumably because the narrowing gap they showed between Labour and the Alliance made the latter worth backing. So the polls have the power. It is not inconceivable that they will determine the result of the next general election. The question is: are the pollsters exercising it responsibly?

The answer depends heavily on how they react to the events of the past couple of weeks, for we have now had four polls, from reputable companies, showing, respectively, a 5 per cent Labour lead, an 8 per cent Tory lead, and the two parties broadly level. That public opinion should really be yawing about in this way is wildly implausible. Far more likely, some or all of the polls are getting it wrong.

There are good *a priori* reasons to expect polls to be less reliable than once they were. They include: the shrinking of sample sizes, the birth of the one-day "quickie" poll, and the increased difficulty of polling in a three-party situation, where the order in which questions are asked may make a substantial difference to the showings of the third party.

Moreover, it is open to question whether the quota sampling used by the pollsters, correcting for age, sex and class, adequately reflects the factors that now influence voting, which include whether voters work in the public or private sector.

Mr Worcester has claimed this week that all these matters have been studied by the pollsters and that they are satisfied that all is well. If so, they are unique. There is widespread and growing concern amongst informed public opinion, which all Mr Worcester's bromides will not dispel.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LIPSEY, Editor,
New Society,
5 Sherwood Street, W1.
February 3.

Civic co-operation

From Mr G. F. deC. Sizer

Sir, As an honorary citizen of Lubbock, Texas — which city was frequently a winner regionally in the USA National Clean-up Competition — I was interested in your report (January 22) of the Westminster City Council's Bill to discourage litter.

Perhaps the faintly menacing comment (in a letter to me, written in 1962, when she was 82) of Mrs Helen J. Whitworth, of Lubbock, shows the enduring nature of the problem:

> About Lubbock clean-up days. The system of keeping Lubbock clean has the cooperation of every civic-minded citizen. If he is not civic-minded he can pay a fine or spend some time locked up. The streets are patrolled for any lack of cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFF SIZER,
64 St Mary's Road,
Benfleet, Essex.

Bridge over the great divide

From the Reverend J. D. Cutter

Sir, What an unexpected surprise and joy: my *Times* arrived today all in one piece! Congratulations and thank you.

For some time I have been thinking of writing to you and your comments today prompt me to do so. As a reader of *The Times* for over 30 years might I venture to suggest a return to the good old days when the leader, letters and articles were invariably printed on the middle spread? I suspect I am not alone in my views.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN D. CUTTER,
Yoxall Rectory,
Savey Lane, Yoxall,
Burton-upon-Trent,
Staffordshire.
February 2.

From Mrs J. A. Raffle

Sir, This morning we find ourselves back with one big heavy newspaper and the resultant mess at the breakfast table. How very convenient it was to have two sections to *The Times*. The Man of the House was soon engrossed in the sports pages, the business news and Portfolio whilst I had the other half and plenty to read and could even get on with the crossword in comparative peace.

Perhaps for the sake of marital harmony we will now have to buy two copies of the paper each day!

Yours sincerely,
TAMSIN RAFFLE,
Stable Cottage,
Campingfield Lane,
Stalham, Norfolk.
February 2.

From Mr Peter G. Hill

Sir, Too big; it gets in a twist; does not divide into two.

Yours faithfully,
PETER G. HILL,
Anne Cottage, Fawley,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
February 2.

From Mr M. H. Burr

Sir, Congratulations on today's restoration of the one-piece newspaper in place of the unlamented "bikini" version.

Yours faithfully,
M. H. BURR,
Church House,
7 Almshouse Lane,
Newmillerdam,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire.
February 2.

From Mr J. N. Child

Sir, Alas! It was so convenient to pass the Portfolio section to my wife while I started on the news.

Yours faithfully,
J. N. CHILD,
10 Rustat Road, Cambridge.
February 2.

Playwright's defence

From Mr Martin Gilbert

Sir, The author of *Perdition*, Jim Allen, writes in your letters page today (February 2) that I have referred to 60 historical inaccuracies in his play, "Yet to this day, despite constant requests, he has refused to specify exactly where in this script these 'inaccuracies' occur". This is not so.

On the morning of January 17, at the request of the Artistic Director of the Royal Court Theatre, Mr Max Stafford-Clark, I went through the then most up-to-date version of the script, which Mr Stafford-Clark had sent me on the previous day, the version which was then being rehearsed (five days before the first Press preview) and pointed out what seemed to me to be the most serious historical errors and distortions in the first half of the script.

Mr Stafford-Clark then had to break off our meeting to go to a rehearsal, saying that he would pass on my comments, on which he had taken copious notes. I also offered to continue the line-by-line scrutiny of the second half of the play and to go through the points with Mr Allen.

On the following day, January 18, I repeated my offer to go through my historical points with Mr Allen when I spoke to several members of the Council of the Royal Court Theatre and, at their request, again went in considerable detail through the most serious historical distortions.

In his letter to you, Mr Allen says that in an article in *The Daily Telegraph*, I referred to a scene "which did not exist in the play". It did indeed exist, in the version of the play being rehearsed on the day I read it; the version shown to me that day by the Artistic Director of the Royal Court, for the specific purpose of historical comment.

If, as Mr Allen implies, he has indeed changed the script considerably since my historical criticisms were made two weeks ago, I should of course be glad to read the new verison and to specify "exactly" (as he asks) where errors and distortions occur, if any remain.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN GILBERT,
Merton College, Oxford.

Report on Lloyd's

From Mr A. O. R. Mitchley

Sir, In your leader (January 23) you conclude that the Neill committee's main proposal to replace four working members on the Lloyd's council by four nominated members, thereby giving the overall majority to the external and nominated members, is a "second-best solution". However, your apparently preferred solution of "fitting Lloyd's into the orbit of the Financial Services Act" is inappropriate, not only for the reasons explained in the Neill report but also because of the very nature of Lloyd's and its membership.

The "investors" at Lloyd's are not a shifting population of many millions of small investors from all sections of the community utilising thousands of "authorised persons" throughout the country to look after their money and investments. The membership of Lloyd's is a close-knit group of fairly wealthy people committed for a definite period of time by formal arrangements to membership. Most of them are qualified and capable of sitting on the regulatory bodies contemplated or approved by the Financial Services Act and many of them no doubt do.

The most effective way of ensuring that the interests of members of Lloyd's, as "investors", are fully protected is to give the unrelated external members a greater say in the management of their syndicates where the actual business of Lloyd's is done. The recommendations in the Neill report will best ensure that this can be achieved within the confines of the Lloyd's Act at the level of the council.

Further reforms are necessary at the syndicate and agency level which might be achieved by complete overhaul of the agency agreement, which is also proposed by the Neill report.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY O. R. MITCHLEY,
15 Bryanston Square, W1.

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The London police were remodelled in 1829 into a regular force by the Secretary for the Home Department, (Sir) Robert Peel. When they first appeared on the London streets they were nicknamed "Peelers"

AGED AND INFIRM CONSTABLES

Among the subjects likely to engage the attention of Parliament, we know of few which deserve it more than that branch of the general police department which is connected with the nomination of *constables*. We believe that the inefficiency of the great body of constables is a matter of complaint by no means restricted to the metropolis only, although it is to those of London and its vicinity that it may be desirable, in the first instance, to direct the notice of the Legislature. Every householder being in turn compellable to serve, it is obvious that the lot must often fall upon those who are quite incapable of an efficient discharge of the duty of preserving the public peace. Accordingly, we find that half, or more, of the constables to whom the peace of the capital is entrusted on every occurrence or apprehension of a tumult, are aged, infirm and incapable persons; the objects of ridicule to a riotous mob, rather than of salutary terror. The mere invocation of the "King's name", aided by the display of the painted staff, may do extremely well in ordinary cases; but that is only where there exists a reverence for the law, and a respect for the constituted authorities. We have seen occasions where a multitude was assembled with no other feeling than a contempt for the law of the land, and no other purpose but its overthrow. In such circumstances, it is perfectly evident that nothing but absolute force will prevail in putting down the insurrectionist spirit.

We are therefore inclined to propose it as a question for the fair consideration of Parliament, whether it might not be wise and necessary to limit the duty of peace officers to persons who, in respect of age and bodily strength, were capable of properly discharging it? 2. Whether it might not be useful and desirable to equip them with such arms as would enable them to intimidate and quell every movement tending to outrage, when called upon by the Magistrate for their active interposition? From the possession of fire-arms it would naturally result that this body of public officers should be taught some description of military discipline, to prevent them from being dangerous to each other and to themselves. Hence it follows, that they ought to be distributed into regiments, or other forms of military classification, and might be placed under the command of officers nominated by the Court of Lieutenancy, the ward, or parish, so as to combine the two important qualities of perfect efficiency for the object in view, and a just independence on Government, so far as relates to their composition. A force of this nature would bear a close resemblance to the National Guard of France — a corps the most respectable and useful that has perhaps ever existed in any country. We are not anxious to enter upon details on this occasion, but would merely recommend the subject to the fair and dispassionate consideration of our readers; being convinced, that the more the question is investigated, the stronger ground will appear for concluding that the present mode of providing for the maintenance of public tranquillity, by means of constables and parish officers, is *quite inadequate to its professed object*. A single company of civil officers *in arms*, would have done more against the Spafields rioters, than the whole apparatus of Magistrates without soldiers, and soldiers without Magistrates, to which our protection was confided on recent, as on former occasions.

A citizen's duties

From Bishop D. R. Feaver

Sir, Better than a Bill of Rights would be a Declaration of Duties. Better still for the good of the country would be Parliament's authorisation and production of both in terms which the simplest citizen could understand. No longer can it be assumed that every man has even a vestigial notion as to how he ought for his own peace of mind to behave and order himself.

Duties and rights need to be advertised and expounded together. A man and his neighbour need to know what each has the right to expect from the other.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. FEAVER,
10 Spens Avenue,
Gough Way,
Cambridge.
January 28.

Boat Race blues

From Mr R. B. Bruce Lockhart

Sir, It seems that the only sensible answer to Oxford's Boat Race troubles is for a British solution: let the Isis crew row for Oxford and let the Cambridge VIII contrive to allow them to win. This would have the merit of teaching ageing Yank permanent students a thing or two about the institution which is *our* Boat Race.

They might also learn that to many of us a sporting contest conducted in a pleasant and gentlemanly manner can matter more than their imported win-at-all-costs principles, or their personal wounded pride.

Yours,
R. B. BRUCE LOCKHART,
Saul Hill,
Burneside,
Kendal,
Cumbria.
January 29.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
February 3: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 3: The Duchess of York, Patron of The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies of Great Britain, this evening attended the Association's "World Association Flower Arrangers' Competition Preview Party" at the Porchester Hall, Queensway, W2.

Mrs John Floyd and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 3: Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 3: Princess Alexandra, President, this morning visited the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at Richmond, Surrey.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, presents the Duke of Cornwall awards for milk from farm resources at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, at 4.30; later as President of The Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends the premiere of the film *Mosquito Coast*, in aid of the trust, at the Odeon Theatre, Haymarket, at 8.00.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trusts, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will visit training by the Prince of Wales Community Venturers in Birmingham on March 6.

The Prince of Wales will dine with the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 60 Knightsbridge on March 17 to mark his appointment as admiral of the club. The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will attend.

State visit

King Hassan of Morocco will pay a state visit to the United Kingdom from July 14-17, and will stay at Buckingham Palace, it was announced yesterday. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Morocco in 1980.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.F. Burling and Miss H.T. Williams
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of the late D.C. Burling and Mrs A.R. Burling, of Well Cottage, Wormley, Surrey, and Helen, eldest daughter of the late D.C. Williams and Mrs L.M. Williams, of Pencoed, Bridgend, Wales.

Mr C.W. Gilchrist and Miss C.L.J. Surtees
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Commander and Mrs Warren Gilchrist, of Rook Hill, Monksherborne, Hampshire, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Surtees, of Well Farm House, Baughurst, Hampshire.

Mr T.J. Kyne and Miss R.C. Thomson
The engagement is announced between Thomas Joseph, second son of Mr and Mrs John Kyne, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, and Rosalind Clare, daughter of the late Alastair B.S. Thomson and Mrs B.Thomson, of The Skep, Rotherfield, East Sussex.

Mr R.P. Lewis and Miss S.F. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mrs M.E. Tittensor, of Hereford, and Siriol, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Lewis, of Bearsden, Dunbartonshire.

Mr L.O.S. Medlam and Miss B.M. Tangney
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Colonel and Mrs William Louis Medlam, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Brigid, twin daughter of Dr and Mrs Thomas Tangney, of Lee, London.

Mr T. Nowell-Usticke and Miss J. Stuart
The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Nowell-Usticke, of Wahi Pai, Hastings, New Zealand, and Julianne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Stuart, of Nyanga, Zimbabwe.

Dr P.P. Taylor and Miss A. Snow
The engagement is announced between Paul second son of Mr and Mrs S. Taylor, of Solihull, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.G. Snow, of Newport, Isle of Wight.

Marriages

Mr R. de R. Morgan and Miss S.C. McGaw
The marriage took place in Japan, on January 31, of Mr Richard Morgan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J de R. Morgan, Talcoed, Builth Wells, and Miss Susan McGaw, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.C. McGaw, Matfield, Kent.

Mr H. Robinson and Miss T.L. Canfield
The marriage took place on Friday, January 30, 1987, in London, between Mr Herbert Robinson, son of Mrs Franceska Wick and the late Mr Oscar Robinson, and Miss Teresa Louise Canfield, daughter of Mrs Margaret Louise Kring Canfield, and Mr Frank Canfield, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Captain J.L. Weatherall, RN, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff (Operations) on the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, in succession to Rear Admiral K.A. Snow, in February.

Captain H.M. White, RN, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Flag Officer Third Flotilla and Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Striking Force, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, in April.

Dr Geoffrey Martin, Mr Richard Bradley and Dr Derek Keene to be members of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England).

Commander Saunders Watson to be a trustee of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, in succession to the late Sir Robert Cooke.

Sir Robert Cooke

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Robert Cooke will be held in the Crypt Chapel, Palace of Westminster, on Thursday, March 26, at noon. Applications for tickets may be obtained from Mr John Cope, MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Mr M. Handford

A memorial service for Mr Maurice Handford will be held at St Ann's Church, Manchester, on Monday, February 23, at 11.30. Enquiries to Hallé Orchestra, Manchester, (Telephone 061-834 8363).

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, 66; the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, 69; Dr P.E. Thompson Hancock, 83; Sir Robert Haslam, 64; Mr R.C. Hoban, 62; Mr Erich Leinsdorf, 75; Lord Shawcross, QC, 85; Dr Hugh Sinclair, 77; Mr John Willan, 44.

Mr Peter Reeves, supervisor of the Long Barrow dig, examines a fragment of skull excavated at the site. The headstone shape to the left is part of the surround of the neolithic burial chamber which has been unearthed in heavy peat near Ely. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Fenland dig yields unique Stone Age burial chamber

By Alan Hamilton

What is believed to be the oldest complete wooden building ever discovered in Britain has been unearthed in the wet fenland peat near Ely in Cambridgeshire.

Although collapsed, squashed and contorted after more than 5,000 years under the black East Anglian soil, the neolithic burial chamber, which is lined, floored and roofed in oak, is being regarded as one of the most significant finds of its period for many years, and the first structure of its type to be found in this country.

The building is in effect a large wooden box, eight metres long and two metres wide, buried within the earth mound of a Stone Age barrow. The barrow was identified five years ago, when shrinkage of the underlying peat combined with the lowering of the level of topsoil, caused through years of ploughing, to leave a distinct hump in an otherwise billiard table flat wheat field.

A team led by Dr Ian Hodder, of Cambridge University, began excavations last year, and the significance of the find was established at Christmas when the team came across the roof of oak planks, which had been preserved by the wetness of the surrounding earth.

"It is a very exciting find and very rare," Dr Hodder said yesterday. "There has been nothing like it before and there may be nothing like it again; this has survived in very special conditions. To come upon the roof of a wooden building, and to have to take it off to find out what's inside, is quite remarkable".

Archaeologists have always suspected that Stone Age barrows, of which many have been excavated in Britain, contained a wooden building, but in every other case they have rotted entirely away. The structure shows evidence of some sophistication, with planks apparently shaped by an adze, joined by pegs, and held up by an array of posts. The builders appear to have been relatively prosperous farmers living in what, in 3,500 BC, was a pleasant river valley.

The box has not yet been opened and its contents will remain a mystery until experts have made an exact plaster cast of the lid, which was found under one metre of topsoil. The oak, black with age and crumbling to powder at the touch, has to be sprayed constantly with water and chemicals to prevent further deterioration from contact with air.

Helped by conservation experts from the English Heritage archaeological laboratory, the Cambridge team then plan to cut the timber and its underlying peat into sections, looking like slices of rich brown fruit cake, which will be taken away for analysis and carbon dating. They are likely to end up in the British Museum.

The archaeologists expect to find large quantities of bones, neatly sorted, inside the wooden chamber. They believe the neolithic way of death was to leave the deceased in the open air for the flesh to be stripped by carrion-eating birds.

"We hope this site will tell us a great deal more about their burial rituals," Dr Hodder said. The mound covering the chamber is 65 metres long, suggesting a community that felt a measure of self importance.

The excavation team, working inside a large plastic tent and with a pump constantly running to prevent the site flooding, are keeping the precise location of the find secret, as both vandals and too many visitors could hamper the delicate work.

When all the remains have been studied and removed, the hole will be filled in and the field returned to wheat, leaving a slight bump in the ground as the only sign of a major discovery.

Church news

The Ven David James Smith, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne and an honorary canon of Newcastle Cathedral, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Maidstone, in succession to the Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop-elect of Lincoln.

Other appointments

The Rev P M Broad, Assistant Curate, St John, Peterborough, diocese of Peterborough, to be Rector, The Epiphany with St John the Baptist, Corby, same diocese.

The Rev R J Carlton, Chaplain, Exeter School and St Margaret's School, Exeter, and non-stipendiary Curate, Heavitree, diocese of Exeter, to be Team Victor, Roborough Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev C T J Chessum, Assistant Curate, Sandhurst Parish, diocese of Oxford, to be Senior Curate, St Mary, Portsea, Porsmouth, diocese of Portsmouth.

The Rev G Creasey, Curate, Birstall, diocese of Leicester, to be Priest-in-Charge, St Paul, Wheatley Park, Doncaster, diocese of Sheffield.

The Rev J A Davies, Assistant Curate, St James, Fletchamstead, Coventry, diocese of Coventry, to be Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, Harsthill, same diocese.

The Rev G S Ecclestone, Assistant Curate, St Mary the Great with St Michael, Cambridge, diocese of Ely, to be Vicar, Over, same diocese.

The Rev M F Goddard, Vicar, St Peter's, Acton, diocese of London, to be Rector, St Mary the Virgin, Norwood Green, same diocese.

The Rev P G Guinness, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Normanton, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar, St James, Fletchamstead, Coventry, diocese of Coventry.

The The Rev C Gwilliam, Rector of Longnewton with Elton and Religious Affairs Producer for Radio Tees, diocese of Durham, to be Religious Programmes Producer, BBC Radio Nottingham, diocese of Southwell.

The Rev R Higginbottom, Curate, St Mary, Knighton, diocese of Leicester, to be Assistant Priest, Northleach Group of Parishes, diocese of Gloucester.

The Rev L H Hill, Priest-in-Charge, Denby, diocese of Derby, to be also Priest-in-Charge, Horsley Woodhouse, same diocese.

The Rev S Irwin, Curate, Brighouse, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Stockton-on-Tees, diocese of Durham.

The Rev C T Jenkins, non-stipendiary Curate, St John the Baptist, Yeovil Team Ministry, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Further Education Liaison Officer for the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Gloucester.

The Rev P G F Lawley, Assistant Curate, Daventry, diocese of Peterborough, to be Priest-in-Charge, Syresham with Whitfield, same diocese.

The Rev D A J MacPherson, Priest-in-Charge, Chedgrave with Hardley and Langley, diocese of Norwich, to be Rector, Chedgrave with Hardley and Langley, same diocese.

The Rev N H P McKinnel, Anglican Chaplain to Liverpool University, diocese of Liverpool, to be Priest-in-Charge, Hatherleigh, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev D G Mitchell, Rector, East Bristol Team Ministry, diocese of Bristol, to be Vicar, Warmley and Syston, in plurality, and Priest-in-Charge, Bitton, same diocese.

The Rev R A Moore, Priest-in-Charge, Fleetwood, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar, St James, Leyland, same diocese.

The Rev J B W Pegman, Regional Director of Missions to Seamen, Eastern England, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar, Skelsmergh, Selside and Long Sleddale, diocese of Carlisle.

The Rev R D Pratt, Assistant Curate, All Hallows, Wellingborough, diocese of Peterborough, to be Team Vicar, St Mark, Kingsthorpe, same diocese.

The Rev G A Ripley, Vicar, St Bridget, Wavertree, diocese of Liverpool, to be Adviser in Lay Training, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev M Royle, Priest-in-Charge designate of Smalley, diocese of Derby, to be also Priest-in-Charge, Morley, same diocese.

The Rev I Shepperd, Vicar, St Peter and St Paul, Gosberton, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar, Leven Valley, diocese of Carlisle.

The Rev N D Tooth, Vicar, Bedminster Team Ministry, diocese of Bristol, to be Chaplain, Dorchester Hospitals, Dorset, diocese of Salisbury.

Canon D F Towers, Vicar, Chatteris, Rural Dean of March, and Chairman, Ely Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility, diocese of Ely, to be Rector, St Peter, Burnley, diocese of Blackburn.

Preb S G Wells, Rector, Saltford with Corston and Newton St Loe, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Team Vicar, Ashbrittle, Bathealton, Stawley and Kittisford (Wellington and District Team Ministry), same diocese.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev R D Bakere, Priest-in-Charge, Chew Magna with Dundry, diocese of Bath and Wells, to resign oin 31 May 1987.

The Rev R M Finch, Rector, Laughton All Saints with Ripe St John the Baptist and Chalvington St Bartholomew, diocese of Chichester, to retire on 31 May 1987.

The Rev H F Hulbert, Curate of Hailsham St Mary, diocese of Chichester, to retire on 1 March 1987.

The Rev J G Sheldon, Rector of Cowden St Mary Magdalen with Hammerwood St Stephen, diocese of Chichester, to retire on 1 March 1987.

The Rev C F Johnson, Rector, Harpole, diocese of Peterborough, retired on 8 Janurary 1987.

The Rev Dr M B Moreton, Rector, Middleton Cheney with Chacombe, diocese of Peterborough, to resign on 1 March 1987.

Luncheons

Commonwealth Secretary-General
Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the principal guest at a luncheon given by Mr Shridath S. Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General, at Quadrant House, Pall Mall, yesterday.

Variety Club of Great Britain
The Variety Club of Great Britain held its thirty-fifth annual show business awards luncheon at the Hilton hotel yesterday. Mr Terry Wogan delivered the award citations and they were presented by Lord Delfont, chairman of the awards judging panel, and Mr Harry Goodman, Chief Barker.

Dinners

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Dr Geoffrey Booth, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held at the society's headquarters last night. Lord Hunter of Newington also spoke. Among the guests were:
Mr J A Parry, Mr A R W Porter, Dr M Abrams, Mr A Hardcastle, Dr B C L Weedon, Professor B W Bycroft, Mr A J Smith, Miss R McRobert, Mr N Davies, Mr J Hannam, MP, and Mr T Willis

Trade Policy Research Centre
Mr Michael Moore, New Zealand Minister of Overseas Trade, was the guest of honour at a Trade Policy Research Centre dinner held last night at the Café Royal. Sir Ronald Halstead, a council member, presided and the New Zealand High Commissioner, the Hon Humphrey Maud, Sir Peter Marshall, the Agents General for Queensland and Western Australia; and Mr Roy Williams were among those present.

Lecture

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' Alexander lecture was given by Mr John Derrington at Glaziers' Hall yesterday. Lord Goff, president, and Mr A.A. Stephenson, chairman, were among those present.

University news

Leeds
Professor Donald Lee, an authority on parasitic worms, is to be Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University in September, in succession to Professor Peter Gosden.

OBITUARY

MR JOHN DODD

Re-settlement of criminals

Mr John Dodd, MBE, founder of the Langley House Trust for the rehabilitation of prisoners, died on January 11. He was 70.

He was born on November 20, 1916, and educated at William Hulme Grammar School, Manchester.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he joined the RAF. In 1941 he was sent to Singapore from where he escaped when the Japanese invaded.

He made his way to Java where he was given refuge in the jungle by two Dutch women. He was eventually captured and interrogated for the names of those who helped him. He was beaten so badly that his kidneys were permanently damaged, but he remained tight-lipped.

He was taken back to Singapore, where he was thrown into the notorious Changi gaol. He ended the war in a hospital there – a man of 6ft 2in weighing 6½ stone.

Readjustment to civilian life was difficult. But his marriage in 1951 and, afterwards, his new-found Evangelism, gave him a sense of purpose.

This was fulfilled when he became a prison visitor and discovered that his experience in Changi had given him an empathy with men who were locked away.

In 1958 a voluntary organization called Christian Teamwork, which had already helped to set up the Richmond Fellowship for those recovering from mental illness, formed Team K to cope with recidivist problems by providing a half-way house for ex-offenders.

Dodd became general secretary and administrator of the scheme – the Langley House Trust. The following year he and his wife, Alyson, moved to Elderfield, Hampshire, and their home there became the trust's first establishment.

It was a place where newly-released convicts found a temporary respite between prison and the outside world. It was thought at first that six weeks would be long enough for them to find their feet. In many cases, this proved unrealistic.

Some required six months, others several years. As a result, greater emphasis was placed on providing permanent and supportive communities, mindful that the emotional instability of some residents – the cause of their criminality in the first place – would soon have them behind bars again.

The venture grew, until today the trust has thirteen houses around the country. It survived on money from benefactors and the Church. But in 1966 the probation service acknowledged its work with its first grant.

Dodd's enthusiasm and faith guided his colleagues through the difficulties. A more public acknowledgement came with a *This is Your Life* programme in the 1960s on which many former prisoners paid him tribute.

It also reunited Dodd with Marquita Bischoff, one of the two Dutch women who had sheltered him in Java.

He retired in 1982 and devoted his time to speaking engagements on behalf of the trust.

Towards the end those who visited his hospital bed, where he lay suffering with a brain tumour, were vividly reminded of a sketch which the cartoonist Ronald Searle had made of him when they were both in Changi – a living skeleton.

He is survived by his wife and their three daughters.

MAJOR-GENERAL WALTER CLUTTERBUCK

Major-General Walter Clutterbuck, DSO, MC, died on February 2. He was 92. He distinguished himself in both world wars, and in the second commanded the land forces for the assault on Pantelleria.

Walter Edmond Clutterbuck was born on November 17, 1894, and went to Cheltenham College and Sandhurst.

Commissioned in 1913 into the Royal Scots Fusiliers, he had a highly active war during which he won the MC and Bar and was twice mentioned in despatches, on operations which took him from France, to Gallipoli and Palestine.

From the outbreak of the Second World War he commanded, successively, the 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, the 10th Infantry Brigade and the 1st Division. In the last capacity he was divisional commander of the forces which captured the island fortress of Pantelleria, in June 1943.

The operation – one of Churchill's deeply-cherished ambitions from as early as 1940 – came too late to be of strategic significance. By that time North Africa had been cleared, and Allied might was poised to fall upon Sicily.

The assault itself turned out to be one of the less fiercely contested battles of the war. The Third Infantry Brigade went ashore after saturation bombing and strafing of the defences by Flying Fortresses and Lightnings, and secured the surrender of the 14,000 strong Italian garrison, with the expense to itself of only ten casualties.

Nevertheless, it provided object lessons in the many mundane, but vital aspects of mounting a seaborne invasion. These were later useful in Sicily.

For his role in command, Clutterbuck gained a DSO. He was also briefly military governor of the island, whose new occupying garrison found its searing heat and volcanic dust a greater threat to their peace of mind than its defenders had been.

In 1943 Clutterbuck came home to command an infantry division, and in 1945-6 he was head of the British military mission to Egypt.

He retired from the Army in 1946 and settled down to farm his estate at Hornby Castle in North Yorkshire. He threw himself into the life of the district with enthusiasm as a local councillor.

He loved field sports and was an outstanding chairman of the Bedale Hunt for many years. He was a redoubtable fisherman and spent much of his available time on Scottish salmon rivers.

As both soldier and farmer Walter Clutterbuck inspired the loyalty of those who served under and worked with him. He was a fine leader in war and peace.

His wife, Gwendolin, whom he married in 1919, died in 1975. They had one son and three daughters.

LADY RENDLESHAM

Lady Rendlesham, a formidable voice in fashion for over three decades, died suddenly in the King's Road, Chelsea, on January 30. She was believed to be in her late sixties.

She was born Clare McCririck, a soldier's daughter, and claimed to be descended from Rurik, the Viking founder of the Russian nation.

She was on the staff of *Vogue* for 12 years during the 1950s and 1960s until, in 1964, she was appointed fashion editor of *Queen*. She remained with the magazine for a year.

She was then fashion consultant to Wallis shops until becoming, in 1969, director of Yves St Laurent's first Rive Gauche boutique in this country. This post she held at the time of her death.

She was quick to notice the talent of emerging young designers. These included Mary Quant and Emmanuelle Khanh, whom she encouraged by featuring their designs.

She dismissed age as being a handicap to style. "Most older women who complain that they can't find clothes don't have an age problem, they have a figure problem".

She paid scant regard to Paris couture. French ready-to-wear designers and their youthful market were, however, another matter.

"A French girl", she explained, "will put on a dress and wriggle about in it and, if it doesn't fit, it will be made to by the same evening".

Lady Rendlesham was a tireless worker, respected within her profession as much for that as for her sense of style.

She married, in 1947, Lord Rendlesham (his second wife), with whom she had a son and three daughters.

MR IDRIS BARZANI

Mr Idris Barzani, leader of the Kurdish autonomist movement in Iraq, has died in exile in Iran. He was 43.

His father, Mulla Mustafa Barzani (who died in exile, in 1979), led the Kurdish rebellion in Iraq from 1961 until 1975.

Since his own exile in 1975 he and his brother, Massud, had led the remnants of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP).

Barzani maintained relations with the Iranian government, leaving to his brother the task of leading the party's several thousand armed *peshmergas* (guerrillas) in harrassing Iraqi army outposts.

This alliance with Iran, though, did not endear him to exiled Iraqi Kurds.

MR SAMUEL J. WAGSTAFF

Mr Samuel J. Wagstaff, American connoisseur of nineteenth and twentieth century photographs, died on January 14. He was 65.

In the 1960s he promoted Minimal Art in its early days, particularly the work of the sculptor David Smith.

His own collection challenged the judgement of the great institutions.

The first exhibition from his collection was held in 1978.

He came to notice in this country when he bought the *Herschel Album* of photographs at Sotheby's in 1974. He generously gave the National Portrait Gallery time to raise the money to buy it.

In 1984 he sold most of his collection to the J. Paul Getty Museum.

The Army can help educate your offspring. In more ways than one.

The Army needs well educated Officers and we're prepared to help bright people up the ladder of success.

A way to 'A' levels.

We will help boys and girls of the highest quality, both academically and in character, whilst they study for 'A' levels prior to a career as a Regular Army Officer. The grant is £250 a term.

When they pass their 'A' level exams they're guaranteed a place at Sandhurst and paid the going rate while they're being trained.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO GET A SHOT AT AN ARMY SCHOLARSHIP.

Interviews are held in the Spring and Autumn for boys, and just in the Autumn for girls. The purpose is to discover whether applicants have the potential to become Army Officers. At the time of their application boys must be between 16 years and 16 years 6 months, 16-17 years for girls. And they must have, or be expecting at least five high grade 'O' levels, including English Language, Maths and a science or foreign language.

However, this doesn't preclude university.

Another way.

Boys who are already embarked on 'A' level courses in Maths and the sciences can apply for one of the thirty Science Scholarships we award each Spring.

The object is to help potential Officers on their way to a career in one of the Army's technical corps with a scholarship for one year at £250 a term.

(Boys from both fee-paying and non fee-paying schools are eligible.)

When they complete their 'A' levels they too are guaranteed a place at Sandhurst.

And yet another.

If you have a technically minded son between the ages of 16 and 17½, who is going to study Maths and Science at 'A' level (see box), he could be eligible for Welbeck.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO GET A 1 YEAR SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP.

The applicant must have excellent grades in 'O' level Maths, Physics, English and at least two other subjects. And have the ability to convince an interview board that he has got what it takes to be an Army Officer.

Welbeck is an exclusive, residential, 6th form college in the Nottinghamshire countryside run by the Army.

The curriculum is designed to equip students for careers as Officers in the technical corps.

Again, on completion of 'A' levels, the students is guaranteed a place at Sandhurst.

About two-thirds of the students go on to complete a degree course, the majority at Shrivenham, the Royal Military College of Science, although some may compete for places at a civil university.

Two other ways to a university degree.

If your son or daughter aims to get a degree and wishes to become a Regular Army Officer, he or she can try for an Undergraduate Cadetship.

The requirements are demanding but successful applicants get a probationary commission and their tuition paid, plus at least £5,362 p.a.

When they finish their degree course they go on to an Officers training course at Sandhurst to confirm their commission.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE CADETSHIP.

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Philippians 2: 2

BIRTHS

BIRRELL - On January 31st, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Georgie (née Breton) and Christopher, a son, Edward Charles Stewart.

BOWERMAN - On January 26th 1987, to Annabel (née Shepard) and Kim, a daughter Alys Anne, a sister for David.

CARTWRIGHT - On February 2nd, in Tasmania, to Terry and Ian, quadruplets, Sarah, Luke, James and Thomas.

CHIPPINDALL-HIGGIN - On February 2nd, at The Portland Hospital, London W1 to Lucy and Kevan, a daughter.

FISH - On January 30th, at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, to Sue and Chris, a son, Timothy John Cole, a brother for Jessica and Anna-Marie.

GOODE - On January 30th 1987, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Hazel (née Ive) and David, a daughter Caroline Louise, a sister for Nicholas and Laura.

MARTIN - On January 30th, to Marguerite Adèle (née Van Lennep), and Stephen James, a daughter, Miranda Clare.

MONK On January 24th, to Ann (née Willis) and William, a daughter, Emily Constance

REID On January 31st 1987, at St George's Hospital, to Mary (née Odgers) and Francis, a son, Edward James Marcus.

RENNIE On January 20th 1987, to Harriet and Christopher, a daughter

RINGROSE On February 1st, to Tessa (née Drabble) and Robert, a son, Charles Hamilton, a brother for Francesca.

SPENCER On January 31st, to Stephanie (née Russell) and Peter, a daughter, Georgina Helen.

TOZER On January 21st 1987, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Jennifer and Alan, a son, Philip Peter, a brother for Laura.

TRUEGER On January 31st, in San Francisco, to Cordelia and Arthur, a son, Alastair

TURNBULL - On February 2nd, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Rosalind (née Greslé-Farthing) and William, a son David William.

WATSON - On January 31st, at Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, to Linda (née McKearnen) and Alex, a son, Thomas Peter

MARRIAGES

CARVALHO:LEWIS - On January 24th at St. Georges Church, Benenden Michael Gerard, son of Col. and Mrs E.W. Carvalho of Sydney, Australia and Philippa Ceri, daughter of Mrs K.H. and the late Mr J.P. Lewis of Benenden.

ANNIVERSARIES

HOOKER:VOSS - On February 4th, 1942, at Woking, Surrey, Geoffrey Hooker, 2nd Lt. R.A., to Edna Margaret Voss.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

MACEY-DARE:COYLE - On February 3rd, 1962 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Maiden Lane, London, Barry Leonard Macey-Dare to Mitzi Nuala Coyle.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

COLLINS:PIEHLER On 4th February 1937 at The Church of The Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, Bernard John to Grete Elisabeth. Now at Foxella, Mayfield, Kent.

DEATHS

ABRAHAMS - On January 31st 1987, suddenly at home after a long illness, Derek, musician and teacher, dearly loved husband of Ann and father of Caroline. Family funeral but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

ALCOCK - On January 28th 1987, peacefully at Mossley Hall, E. P H., Congleton, Marion, aged 90, widow of Captain W P (Billy) Alcock and most dearly loved mother of Joan. *Funeral Service followed by* interment at Holy Trinity Church, Mossley, Congleton on Wednesday February 4th at 12 Noon. Donations will be given to the Alzheimers Disease Society. Enquiries to T & E Cooke, Funeral Directors, 10 Bank Street, Congleton, Cheshire. Tel: 0260 273162 or 272112.

ANDREWS - On February 2nd, Alice Mary (Bunny), 36 *Palace Gardens* Terrace, W8, elder daughter of the late Dr and Mrs Charles Andrews and sister of Elizabeth (Betty). Requiem mass 10.15am Monday 9th February at The Carmelite Church, Kensington, W8. Enquiries to John Hussey Ltd. Tel: 01 229 3046.

BEVINGTON - On January 30th, Brenda (née Comerford) wife of Robert James (Bob) aged 87 years. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium on Monday February 9th at 12 noon. Further information from her daughters on 0442 833263 or 01 673 8188.

BRABY PAUL - On February 2nd, peacefully, Dorothea, dearly loved. Funeral private. Donations if desired to Friends of the Royal Free Hospital.

BRAMBLE - On January 31st 1987, peacefully at home, Courtenay Parker Bramble C.I.E. aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of Doreen. Sadly missed by Bim, Jenepher, Roger, Adam, Timothy and Ginevra. Service at St. Peter's Church, Lower Heswall, on Friday February 6th at 2.15pm. No flowers please, but if desired, donations may be sent to St. John's Hospice, Mount Road, Bebington Wirral.

CARSON - On February 2nd 1987, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Kathleen (Kay) Carson in her 92nd year, of Alison House, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent, formerly of Weoley Hill, Birmingham. Dearly loved wife of the late Hugh Carson F.R.C.S., loving mother of Elizabeth and Peter, granny and great granny. Service at St. Peter's Church, Harborne, Birmingham on Monday February 9th at 1.45pm followed by cremation at Lodge Hill at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to V. Morton and Sons Ltd., Funeral Directors. Tel: 021 476 9111

CLARKE VINCENT - On January 31st, at St.Anthony's Hospital Cheam, Peter Alan, aged 80, dearly loved by Cherry and all his family. Funeral at St.John's Church, Tadworth at 10.00am on February 6th. Family flowers only please. Donations to St.Raphael's Hospice would be welcomed at St.Anthony's Hospital.

DABBS - On February 2nd 1987, very suddenly at home, Jack Victor, beloved husband of Rosemary, and devoted father of Timothy and Sarah and son-in-law Andrew. Dear son-in-law of Mrs. Clifford Jones of Radyr, Cardiff. Funeral service at Christ Church, West Wimbledon, on Friday, February 6th at 2.30 and afterwards at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to R.N.L.I. or British Heart Foundation

DODD - On January 30th, at Avenue House, Bristol, Kathleen Elizabeth, aged 88, formerly of Oxford, mother of Gresham, Raymond, Nigel and Anthea and wife of the late Dr Frederick Henry Dodd. Meeting for worship at The Friends' Meeting House, Hampton Road, Bristol 6, on Friday 6th February at 2pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Avenue House, 5, Cotham, Park N., Bristol 6.

DODINGTON On February 1st 1987, at 1 The Stables, Collipriest, Tiverton, Devon, Mary Marriott, aged 81 years, last surviving child of the late General and Mrs Bodington. Funeral Service at St.John's Catholic Church, Tiverton on Monday 9th February 1987 at 11 am, followed by interment at Bickleigh Churchyard. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the RSPCA c/o of Mrs Palfrey, 5 Ellards Close, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon.

EARLE - On January 30th 1987, Phyllis Ethel Dorothy of Brecon, widow of Eric and much loved by family and friends. Funeral took place on February 4th at Brecon Cathedral. There were family flowers only but donations if desired to Brecon Hospital League of Friends c/o A.V. Griffiths & Son, Funeral Director, Felinfach, Brecon, Powys.

EVERS - see Hohler

FLETCHER - On February 1st 1987, Esme (May), in a Leeds nursing home, wife of the late James, and beloved mother of Bruce and Valerie.

FRANCIS - On January 31st, peacefully at home in Bath, Clifford Claud aged 98, late of the Colonial Legal Service, beloved husband of Aline. Funeral service, Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, Friday February 6th at 4pm.

GAINSFORD - On January 30th, at Nynehead Court, Wellington, Somerset, Dorothy aged 103, widow of A.J.Gainsford. Cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium, Friday February 6th at 4pm. Flowers to Thomas Brothers, High Street, Wellington.

GRAHAM - On January 31st 1987, peacefully, Gertrude, widow of the late R.B. Graham of Brigsteer, Kendal, aged 91. Mother of Margaret Barton, Elizabeth Kirk and Jim Graham, grandmother and great grandmother. Family funeral at St. John's Church, Helsington, at 2.30 on February 6th, followed by private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving to which all her friends are warmly invited at 11.00am on Saturday, February 28th at St. John's Church, Helsington. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, may be sent c/o. A. Hutchinson, Funeral Director, Levens, Kendal.

HASELDEN - On February 1st 1987, Kenneth Geoffry Haselden, a vigorous 82, formerly of the Sudan Civil Service, very dear husband of Nora, father of Primula and Guy, and grandfather of James, Alexander, Melanie and Henry Birch. Private cremation in Tunbridge Wells.

HAZLEHURST - On January 28th 1987, in Westminster Hospital, Ethel Mary, wife of the late Colonel H E Hazlehurst, after a long illness bravely borne. Will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Service to be held at Falconwood Crematorium on Wednesday February 11th at 11.15am. Flowers to Ballard and Sons, 20 Tachbrook Street, London SW1.

HICKISH - On February 1st, at Lewannick, suddenly in her sleep, Laura Gillian, aged 3 months, treasured daughter of Toby and Stephanie and sister of George of Tisbury. Private cremation followed by service at Tisbury Church, 2.30, Monday 9th of February.

HOHLER - On January 30th, suddenly, Viveca, deeply loved wife of Robert and daughter of Jan and Birgitta. All enquiries please to J and M Humphris, Banbury (0295) 3015. Funeral at St Mary's, The Boltons, London SW10, on Thursday 12 February at 12.30.

HUGHES - On February 2nd, in Brighton, Spike (Patrick Cairns), loved husband of Charmian. He gave his body for research. If desired donations to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1.

HULL - On January 29th 1987, peacefully at home, Francis Michael (Oswald), much loved husband and step-father of Ann and Carol-Ann. Requiem mass at St.Augustines Abbey Ramsgate, on Friday February 6th at 10.30am, followed by interment in the Abbey burial ground. R.I.P. Flowers and enquiries to Gore Bros Ltd 35 & 37 Addington Rd. Margate, Kent. Tel: 0843 223534.

KEARNEY - On January 31st, peacefully at home, Mabel, aged 88 years, widow of the late, Albert William, mother of Eileen and Mary, grandmother of Anthony, David, Gillian and Adam, great-grandmother of James, Sophie, Daniel and Abigail. Funeral Thursday 5th February at St Andrews Church, Totteridge Lane, N20 at 12 noon.

MACDONALD - On February 1st 1987, peacefully at home, Mary, beloved wife of George. Funeral service will be held in the Chapel of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge on Tuesday 10th February at 2.15pm. Enquiries to Harry Williams and Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge. Tel: 0223 359480.

MACPHERSON - On February 2nd, peacefully in hospital, Robert M.B., M.R.C.P., beloved husband of Joan. Funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium Tuesday February 10th 2.00pm. Cut flowers and enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon, 12 Chiltern Street, London W1, 01-935 3728.

MARSHALL - On January 31st, in hospital, David Basil Marshall M.B., Ch.B., aged 54 years, of Middle Lodge, Otley Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Consultant Physician in Medicine for the Elderly at Airedale General Hospital and Hon. Medical Director, Manorlands Hospice, Sue Ryder Foundation. Dearly beloved husband of Lilian, very dear father of Jacqueline and father-in-law of Malcolm, dear son of Ray Marshall and brother of Constance. Private funeral service and cremation will be held prior to a memorial service, details of which will be announced later. Donations to his memory may be made to The Sue Ryder Foundation, Cavendish, Suffolk CO10 8AY.

MCGREGOR-JOHNSON On February 2nd 1987 at Melksham Hospital after a short illness, Max dearly loved husband of Pam, father of Richard, Stuart, Nicola and Jessica and much loved grandfather. Funeral service at St John's Church, Devizes on Friday February 6th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to RNLI or Cancer Research, through E. Raddon Ltd, 23, Sidmouth St, Devizes.

NOBLE - On February 1st, in Ben More, Sarah, beloved daughter of John and Ann and loving sister to Juliet, Mark and James. Cremation at Edinburgh, Friday 6th February. Service in Wiltshire later.

PAXMAN - On February 1st 1987, Jean Maben Paxman, peacefully, in Sir Michael Sobell House, Churchill Hospital Headington, Oxford. Service at 12.00 noon, at Oxford crematorium, Bayswater Rd, Headington, on February 6th 1987. No flowers please at her request. Donations if desired, to Sir Michael Sobell House.

PERCIVAL - On February 1st, peacefully in London, Rachel, beloved and loving wife of Allen. Funeral private, but donations if wished to Bacup 121/123 Charterhouse Street, EC7M 6AA.

PINCHBECK - On February 1st 1987, peacefully at Chesterfield Royal hospital, Jean, beloved wife of Peter and dearly loved mother of Robin, David, Wendy and Vanessa. She brightened and enriched all our lives and is now secure with God. Funeral Service, Thursday February 5th, St Thomas's Church, Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield at 11.45am, follwed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Memorial donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research, P.O. Box 123, Lincolns Inn Fields, London.

ROBERTS - On January 31st 1987, Anne Constance Davis (B A Cantab) late of Fiddleford, Dorset, Foolow, Derbyshire, peacefully in her 85th year, after several years of ill health.

SINCLAIR - On Friday January 30th, at home, Donald Alan Forrester, devoted husband of Theo and father of Michael, Timothy, Jeremy, Deborah-Jane and Nicholas. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Highgate, London N6, on Friday 6th February at 2.30pm.

TAYLOR - On January 30th, Reginald aged 63, husband of Bertha and father of Lianne and Jenny, and a retired director of Taylor Woodrow Construction Limited, responsible for design and research. Funeral on Thursday, February 5th, 3.15pm at The Roman Catholic Church of St Josephs, Chalfont St Peter and afterwards a private burial (family only) at The Garden of Rest, Chalfont Heights. Floral tributes can be sent to funeral director, Mr H.C Grimstead, Layters Green Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks.

THOMSON - On February 1st 1987, peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Paul Douglas, beloved husband of Babs, devoted father of James and Auriol and dearest son of Constance. Cremation Service at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Leamington Spa, on Monday February 9th at 1.30pm. Memorial Service at a later date. Family flowers only please. Donations to Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common North.

VAUGHAN - On January 30th, quietly at his home, Herbert Richard aged 67, publisher of overseas advertising trade journals and author of Overseas Newspapers and Periodicals volumes 1-10. A highly skilled bridge player and keen tennis and golf enthusiast at the Queens and Hurlingham Clubs, also the English Union. A much loved father who will be sadly missed by his many friends and associates. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday February 6th at 1.00pm. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 74 Rochester Row, SW1P 1JU. Tel: 01 834 4624

WALSHE - On January 30th 1987, suddenly after a long illness throughout which he remained cheerful and displayed remarkable fortitude, Reginald John, late of Hogg Robinson, husband of the late Mavis and father of Michael and Elizabeth. Funeral Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak, Birmingham on Thursday 5th February at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

Science report

Microchip man a step nearer

By Andrew Wiseman

The creation of bionic man has become a reality at Stanford University in California, where a research team has succeeded in growing microscopic nerve cells through holes drilled in silicon chips.

More importantly, the tiny animal nerve fibres involve the axons via which the essential bioelectric signal are transmitted to convey a message from one nerve cell to another.

This preliminary attempt to interchange signals between a nerve cell and an electronic circuit is referred to as "man-machine interface at the biological level". The scientists hope it could lead one day to the repair of severed or crushed nerves, restoring feeling and use to numbed limbs.

Dr Joseph M. Rosen, assistant professor of surgery at the university's school of medicine, says that silicon chips, programmed electronically to re-route axons growing through the holes and transmitting nerve impulses to nonfunctional limbs, could, eventually, be implanted into humans. Such a micro-electronic axon processor, acting as a switchboard, would trigger off sensations in severed nerves, so that people with re-attached limbs could use them again.

Like all muscle movements, the process would start with the brain sending a signal through the nerves. On reaching a disconnected end, the message would not be blocked but picked up by the chip and electronically sent to the other end of the nerve, making a connection and allowing the muscle to respond to the brain's command.

For the system to work it would need two facing chips, anchored by a coupling device. Initially the axons would be stimulated by an outside computer. Later the chips themselves would become computers.

All this is very much in the future. But Dr Rosen's team, which has been experimenting with rats and a monkey for two years, has already grown axons through holes with a diameter of only eight micrometers, drilled through silicon chips one milimetre square.

The team estimates it will take at least five years to accomplish a viable nerve connection. But they are encouraged by the fact that once they manage to grow hundreds of axons through chips, it will not be necessary to secure an exact connection between all severed ends. They believe that linking 20 per cent of axons would restore 80 per cent or more of an original function.

Latest wills

Miss Erna Plachte, of Summertown, Oxford, the portrait artist, left estate valued at £183,266 net. Miss Plachte, whose studies included Pavlova, David Ben Gurion and Mussolini, left some of her pictures of Oxford to the Ashmolean Museum and the residue of her estate to Oxford University.

Mr John Barkes, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, solicitor, left estate valued at £1,411,222 net.

Mrs Doris MacPherson, of Far Headingley, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £465,716 net.

Mrs Betty Roberts, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, left estate valued at £631,198 net.

Air Vice-Marshal Brian Courtenay Yarde, of East Cholderton, Hampshire, formerly Commandant General of the RAF Regiment, who, as Commander of RAF Gatow, Berlin, played a crucial role in the Berlin Airlift in 1948, left estate valued at £128,430 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pierre Marivaux, dramatist and poet, Paris, 1688; Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Polish patriot, Mereczowszczyzna, Soviet Union, 1746; William Harrison Ainsworth, novelist, Manchester, 1805; Fernand Léger, Cubist painter, Argenton, France, 1881; Edwin Pratt, poet, Western Bay, Newfoundland, 1883; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Camerino, Italy, 1892.

DEATHS: Lucius Septimius Severus, Roman emperor 193-211, York, 211.

Meeting of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin at Yalta, 1945. The first colour supplement in Britain was issued by *The Sunday Times*, 1962.

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Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/1166/7 or 01-439 3849). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 8-10.30pm, matinées Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm, £6-£16.

Mary Steenburgen, dark and vivacious, began her film career with Jack Nicholson in *Goin' South* and went on to appear in *Time After Time*, marrying her leading man, Malcolm McDowell. Her Oscar-winning performance in *Melvin and Howard* recalled the dizzy comedy of Judy Holliday; and on television she was Nicole Diver in *Tender is the Night*. *Holiday* (see listing) marks her British stage debut.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business** ***of Murder:*** *Maytair Theatre (01-629* 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi *Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-*240 7913/4) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . .
★ ***Phantom of the Opera:*** *Sold out* until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . .
☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc *01-630 6262)* . . . ☆ ***Stepping Out:*** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Mirandolina:** The bold mistress of a Florentine inn shows how to keep lovers dangling; new production of Goldini comedy.
New Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon to Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs to Sat 7.45-*10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm,* £1-£7.50, until Feb 14.

COVENTRY: ★ **The Fifteen Streets:** Romance beckons across the great divide of class; adapted from Catherine Cookson's novel.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.15pm, £3.25-£5.75, until Feb 21.

HARLOW: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Playhouse Theatre, The High, Harlow (0279 31945). Mon to Sat 8-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £2.95-£4.45.

LEEDS: ☆ **Little Shop of Horrors:** Creepy thriller starring Audrey the blood-hungry plant.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111). Tue 8-9.50pm, Wed to Sat 7.30-9.20pm, matinée Sat 3-4.50pm, £4-£5.50, until 7 Feb.

LEICESTER: ☆ **Orestes/Electra:** *Obsession and madness in Ancient* Greece; Nancy Meckler's fresh look at Euripedes.
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.45-10pm. Fri and Sat 8.15-10.30pm. £3, until Feb 14.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **A Wholly Healthy Glasgow:** Trouble at the Health Club when a newcomer threatens the old easy ways.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon to Thurs 7.30-9.45pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 4-6.15pm, £2.50-£8.50.

OXFORD: ☆ **Rowan Atkinson:** Himself on tour.
Apollo Theatre, George Street (0865 244544). Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 6-8pm, 9-11pm. £5.50-£8.50, until Feb 7.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:
☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as *Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe* as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm. £5-£16.50.

WATFORD: ☆ **Madame Bovary:** Helen Mirren as Flaubert's woman of passion in première of a play by Edna O'Brien.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 25671). Mon to Thurs 7.45-10pm. Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm. £2.25-£7.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

BOY SOLDIER (15): A soldier is charged with murder following an incident in Northern Ireland. An earnest drama from the director of *Giro City*, Karl Francis (100 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.20.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

BETTY BLUE (18): Amour fou dished out with technical aplomb but little heart by Diva director Jean-Jacques Beineix, with newcomer Béatrice Dalle as the devoted lover of a layabout (Jean-Hughes Anglade) (121 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.15, 3.20, 5.45, 8.10.

THE COLOR PURPLE (15): Whoopi Goldberg's skilful performance lends some depth and dignity to Spielberg's prettified version of Alice Walker's novel about the emancipation of a black woman from the Deep South (154 min).
⊠ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.30, 7.55.

■ **DOWN BY LAW (15):** Jim Jarmusch's wry, off-beat comedy about three misfits who escape *from* a New Orleans prison. Immaculate scene-stealing by Italian Roberto Benigni (106 min).
⊠ Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 4.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.00.
⊠ Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.55.

ESCALIER C (15): A cynical, misanthropic art critic gets his comeuppance. Based on a prizewinning novel by Elvire Murail; directed, uncertainly, by Jean-Charles Tacchella, best known for *Cousin, Cousine*. (101 min)
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Première (01-439 0791). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

■ **THE GOLDEN CHILD (PG):** Eddie Murphy as a social worker recruited to rescue a kidnapped, magical child. A bizarre mixture of sentimentality, special effects and Hong Kong hooey. (94 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.
⊠ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
⊠ *Empire Leicester Square* (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

■ **HEARTBREAK RIDGE (15):** Hollywood's latest jingoistic extravaganza, with Clint Eastwood slapping scallywag troops into shape (130 min).
⊠ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, *9.00*.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.35, 5.15, 8.00.
⊠ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.20.

■ **KANGAROO (PG):** Ponderous version of *Lawrence's Australian* novel, with Colin Friels as the author's surrogate and Judy Davis (excellent) as his wife (110 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 7.30.

■ **LABYRINTH (U):** Stifling, *pretentious fairy-tale from Jim* Henson, with Jennifer Connelly, David Bowie, gnomes, goblins, talking worms and doors (101 min)
⊠ Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.20.

■ ***LEGAL EAGLES (PG): Yuppie*** comedy with slapstick trimmings from Ghostbusters director Ivan Reitman, with Robert Redford and Debra Winger as lawyers mixed up in New York's art world (116 min).
⊠ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs *1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.*

■ **A LOVE BEWITCHED (PG):** De Falla's ballet El Amor Brujo — stylishly filmed by Carlos Saura — his third collaboration with Antonio Gades' ballet troupe (97 min).
⊠ Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). *Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.*

ROCINANTE (PG): Ambitious exploration of British society and politics from the Cinema Action collective, sabotaged by a pretentious script. With John Hurt as a romantic dreamer forced to *face reality (93 min).*
⊠ Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.55.

ROUND MIDNIGHT (15): Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians; with Dexter Gordon as a saxophonist in Paris befriended by *an idolizing Frenchman (131 min).*
⊠ Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.
⊠ Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.30.
⊠ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20.

SALVADOR (18): Vivid political drama set in Central America, inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, James Belushi (123 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road *(01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.30,* 8.10.
⊠ Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 6.20, 8.40.
⊠ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 8.20.

SHORT CIRCUIT (PG): Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. Inventive comic romp for teenagers, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Cuttenberg (99 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.10, 3.50, 6.25, 9.05.

■ ***TOP GUN (15): Tom Cruise as a*** cocky naval pilot undergoing elite training. Noisy, glossy, fatuously written; America's box-office champ of 1986 (110 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.
⊠ Empire Leicester Square (01-*437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs* 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

Günter Wand, conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra tonight in a concert which celebrates his 75th birthday. It is only in the last decade that the work of this elusive, hype-resistant veteran of the German symphonic school has become at all widely known in Britain. The magic Wand, as he is affectionately known, made his debut here with the London Symphony Orchestra in 1951, but his work still remained centred on Cologne. As musical director of the Cologne Opera, director of concerts, and professor at the Hochschüle für Musik, Wand combined the scholarly values of traditional German music-making with long-sighted encouragement of contemporary composers like Ligeti, Varèse and Zimmerman. The same qualities characterize his music-making: long, thorough rehearsal, meticulous stylistic truthfulness, and a sense of time and space. He is now principal guest conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra and tonight's programme comprises Mozart's 40th Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Sixth (Pathetique). Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191) 7.30pm, with a simultaneous broadcast on Radio 3. ***Hilary Finch***

TOP 10 SINGLES

1	(2)	**I Knew You Were Waiting (For Me),** Aretha Franklin/George Michael	Epic
2	(7)	**Heartache,** Pepsi and Shirlie	Polydor
3	(1)	**Jack Your Body,** Steve 'Silk' Hurley	DJ International /London
4	(10)	**Almaz,** Randy Crawford	Warner Bros
5	(8)	**Down To Earth,** Curiosity Killed The Cat	Mercury/Phonogram
6	(3)	**C'est La Vie,** Robbie Nevil	Manhattan/EMI
7	(15)	**I Love My Radio,** Taffy	Transglobal/Rhythm King/Mute
8	(5)	**No More The Fool,** Elkie Brooks	Legend
9	(9)	**Surrender,** Swing Out Sister	Mercury/Phonogram
10	(4)	**Is This Love?** Alison Moyet	CBS

TOP 10 ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Graceland,** Paul Simon	Warner Bros
2	(2)	**The Whole Story,** Kate Bush	EMI
3	(3)	**Different Light,** Bangles	CBS
4	(4)	**Live Magic,** Queen	EMI
5	(7)	**No More the Fool,** Elkie Brooks	Legend
6	(8)	**Sweet Freedom,** Michael McDonald	Warner Bros
7	(13)	**August,** Eric Clapton	Duck/Warner Bros
8	(6)	**Get Close,** Pretenders	Real/WEA
9	(5)	**True Blue,** Madonna	Sire
10	(12)	**Very Best of Elkie Brooks**	Telstar

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CONCERTS

☆ ***LISZT/BOLET:*** A rare chance of *hearing Jorge Bolet in two* Liszt works for piano and orchestra.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-709 3789), 7.30-9.30pm, £2.60-£6.80.

☆ **FROM DENMARK:** For their first British appearance the Danish *String Quartet play Brahms's* Quartet Op 51 No 1, Beethoven's Quartet Op 59 No 2 and give the world première of Bent Sorensen's Quartet in One Movement.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4.50.

☆ ***LIVSCHITZ TRIO:*** This ensemble's unusual programme includes Beethoven's early, underrated Serenade Op 8, Kopytman's *Cantus II* and, with Andrew Marriner, Hummel's Clarinet Quartet.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9pm, £2-£4.

☆ **LOOK AT RAVEL:** The Endymion Ensemble start their "New Look at Ravel" series with Penelope Walmsley-Clark singing *his marvellous Trois Poèmes de Mallarmé*.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£5.

☆ **FROM ISRAEL:** Mendelssohn's *Fingal's Cave* Overture, Beethoven's Symphony No 4 and Falla's *Three-Cornered Hat* suite are performed by the Israel Sinfonietta under Mendi Rodan.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.40pm, £5.50-£8.50.

OPERA

★ **TOSCA:** Jonathan Miller updates Puccini's "shabby little shocker" to Nazi-occupied Rome in 1944; Jan Latham-Koenig conducts.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 8-10.45pm, £4-£18.50.

☆ ***MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:*** A revival of Scottish Opera's colourful *production by John Cox* with Nicholas Folwell in the title role and Graeme Jenkins in the pit.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£19.

☆ **LA BOHÈME:** Smoking *chimneys*, garret rooftops, and some grippingly truthful theatre in English Touring Opera's portable shoestring production of Puccini's opera.
Derngate, 19-21 Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811), 7.30-10.30pm, £4-£8.

ROCK

☆ **PSYCHEDELIC FURS:** Consistently sold short by the press at every stage of their career, Richard Butler and Co nevertheless have a rugged neo-Bowie charm.
Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606), 7pm, £5.50, £6.

☆ **THE BAND OF HOLY JOY:** The extraordinary combo from Deptford use a multitude of acoustic instruments to create an unholy interpretation of the English folk *tradition*.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8pm, £4.

☆ **ELVIS COSTELLO AND THE CONFEDERATES:**
Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol (0272 291768), 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50.

☆ **NIK KERSHAW:**
Town and Country Club, Highgate Road, London, NW5 (01-267 3334), 7.30pm, £5.50.

JAZZ

☆ **TEDDY EDWARDS:** Based in Los Angeles since the 1940s, this pioneering bebop tenor saxophonist has been found in recent years lending authenticity to Tom Waits's evocations of the beatnik era.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9pm, £7.

☆ **JAN GARBAREK:** Popular Norwegian saxophonist whose wintry tone poems feature the virtuoso bassist Eberhard Weber and the excitingly unorthodox *guitarist* David Torn.
Logan Hall, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-387 9629), 7.30pm, £5.

DANCE

★ ***BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, YOUNG APOLLO, GLORIA:*** Disappointing new Wayne Eagling shares a bill with David Bintley's one-acter set to Britten and Kenneth MacMillan's Gloria.
Royal Opera House, Bow Street, London WC2 (01-240 1066, 01-836 *6903), 7.30-10.10pm, £5-£22.50.*

☆ **CINDERELLA:** Peter Darrell's sparkling production for Scottish Ballet, to music by Rossini.
Playhouse Edinburgh, 18-21 Greenside Place (031-557 2590), 7.30-10.15pm, £4-£10.

☆ **COPPELIA:** Ingenious production for Northern Ballet in a Lancashire setting.
Tameside Theatre, Oldham Road, Ashton Under Lyne (061-308 3223), 7.30-9.45pm, £2.50-£3.50 but nearly sold out.

GALLERIES

JOHN HOYLAND: New works by a leading British abstract painter who continues the tradition of expressionism first evolved in post-war America.
Waddington Galleries, 34 Cork Street, London, W1 (01-437 8611). Mon to Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Feb 28.

LANDSCAPE/URBANSCAPE: Three recent graduates, Melanie Becker, Joanna Hyslop and Estelle Thompson, explore the theme of the city as well as of traditional landscape at a gallery committed to promoting talented young artists.
Paton Gallery, 2 Langley Court, London WC2 (01-379 7854), Tue toSat 11-6pm, free, until Feb 28.

RUPERT SHEPHARD: A full range of work is exhibited from this painter's long and continuing career. His subjects are mainly discreet domestic interiors and flowers.
Sally Hunter Fine Art, 2 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0934), Mon to Fri 10-6pm, free, until Feb 27.

STATE OF THE ART: This exhibition, which coincides with a six-part television serial of the same name on Channel 4 (Sunday, 8.15pm), looks at contemporary art *in the so-called Post-Modern* period.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493), Mon to Sun 12-8pm, admission by day pass 60p, until March 1.

NAUM GABO: This exhibition shows the Russian constructivist sculptor's drawings, a rarely seen aspect of his work.
Juda Rowan Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 5517), *Mon to Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm,* free, until April 14.

HENRY MOORE: Drawings and maquettes from the last 10 years of the sculptor's life lent by the Moore Foundation in Leeds.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Liverpool Road, *Off Deansgate, Manchester* (061-832 8034), Tue to Sat 10.30-5pm, Sun 12-4.30pm, free, until Feb 14.

TALKS

GEORGIAN GARDEN: N. Burton on "The Georgian Town Garden". The Linnean Society, Burlington House, London, W1, 6pm, £2.50.

PLAYWRIGHT'S VIEW: Michael Wilcox, author of *Rents, Lent, Accounts*, and other plays gives an insider's view on surviving as a playwright after 12 years in the job. *Purcell Room, South Bank, London* SE1, 6pm, £1.50.

WALKS

A journey through Dickens' London, meet Embankment Underground, 11am.

Who are the Cockneys? Meet St Paul's Underground, 11am.

National Portrait Gallery tour, meet National Portrait Gallery main entrance, Charing Cross Road, London WC2, 2pm.

Legal London, *inside the Law* Courts, meet Holborn Underground, 2pm.

The famous Sherlock Holmes detective trail, meet Baker Street Underground, 7.30pm.

OTHER EVENTS

TALKABOUT: New series of lunchtime activities — talks, tours and slides — about the work of the *museums and galleries in* Liverpool. "Full Steam Ahead — on course with the Maritime Museum". Liverpool Museum Foyer, William Brown Street, Liverpool, (051-2070001), 12.45pm, free.

EXHIBITION OF CHILDHOOD: Covers the years from the late 18th century to the present, with a turn-of-the-century emphasis.
Weybridge Museum, Church Street, Weybridge, Surrey (0932 43573), Mon to Fri 2-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, 2-5pm, until Feb 14, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL TRUST: Telephone booking for a programme by John Julius Norwich, Martin Drury and Merlin Waterson, highlighting the Trust's work. March 23, 2.15 and *8.30pm*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191; cc 01-928 8800) (01-928 3002 information).

KEN RUSSELL SEASON: Personal and telephone booking for the *February season of Ken Russell* films, including *The Music Lovers, French Dressing, Women in Love, The Devils, The Boyfriend, Savage Messiah, Tommy.*
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3232, cc 01-928 1711).

CHELTENHAM CELEBRITY CONCERTS: Booking for Bonnie Scott Quintet (Feb 16), The Flying Pickets (March 9); plus Harvey and the Wallbangers, Pasadena Roof Orchestra, The Fairer Sex, Cambridge Buskers, Mary O'Hara and Kenny Ball and His Jazzmen.
Gloucestershire Everyman, Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573).

LAST CHANCE

SPACE AND VOIDS: Paintings by Reza Ben Gajra, Liz Grob and Madeleine Strindberg, illustrating conceptualism in art.
Chisenhale Studios, 64-84 Chisenhale Road, Bow, London E3, (01-981 4518), 12-6pm, ends today.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/ 638 8891. No perf Today & Tomor Fri at 1.00 STRAVINSKY PLUS 7.45 Royal Philharmonic Orch.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30 pm BBC S O. Gunter Wand Mozart: Symphony No 40. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.6 (Pathetique)

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME. Perf now ends 10.45). Tomor 7.00 The Queen of Spades

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THE ARTS

Healing springs

TELEVISION

Television knows only too well how to make a drama out of a crisis and indeed, with the censorship of certain plays, a crisis out of a drama. But it also knows how to shock not with sensationalism but with banality, with its ability to confront the extraordinary, the outrageous, the terrible with the inappropriately mundane.

A Course in Healing (BBC 2) certainly offered a mundane approach to the extraordinary. Originally made for BBC East, it had all the hallmarks of the competent regional programme: local character and friends and acquaintances interviewed without rhetorical idiosyncracy by a clean-cut, clear-faced reporter. Incongrously, the subject of this sobriety was Matthew Manning, a laying-on-hands healer who as a boy was the focus for poltergeist activity and automatic writing and drawing "messages".

On this occasion, though, the matter-of-fact approach was poignantly effective as resolutely ordinary schoolmasters spoke of flying objects and of a boy without artistic talent knocking off a very passable Durer or Beardsley. Manning himself was also relaxed, modest and level-headed about his achievements. But what really confirmed the merits of the provincially prosaic in dealing with such a subject were the excerpts from previous, more distinguished, programmes in which he appeared: a sensationally scientific one which had his hovering hands killing off cancer cells in a test-tube and, in particular, a David Frost programme in which a younger Manning, looking not unlike Charles Manson, diagnosed illnesses through automatic writing.

Manning, now clean-shaven and short-haired, has learnt to put his powers to much more worthy use. Frost, who recently allowed Yuri Geller to bend the not so iron-like patience of Adam Boulton by interrupting him with his tricks as he tried to report the Iceland summit, still courts the "psychic showmen".

Andrew Hislop

A survivor's biggest challenge

Paul Jones, one of the few pop stars to make a successful transition to the theatre, takes the lead in *Kiss Me Kate*, the Royal Shakespeare Company's first venture into the big American musical, now in preview at Stratford and later destined for the Old Vic: *interview by* Angela Wilkes

Donald Cooper

Paul Jones as Fred Graham/Petruchio, "a rather bombastic, egotistical Actor Chappie"

It is 20 years since Paul Jones, then lead singer with Manfred Mann, pumped the asinine but compulsively catchy "Do Wah Diddy Diddy" up the charts. Now, a born-again Christian and apparently in the pink of spiritual health while many of his pop contemporaries are in early graves, he is taking the male lead in the Royal Shakespeare Company's first venture into the big American musical, *Kiss Me Kate*. Jones could quite justifiably congratulate himself on being a survivor, but his religion allows neither arrogance nor self-satisfaction.

Jones, now 43, is one of the few pop stars to make a successful transition to the theatre. When he opens in Cole Porter's musical at Stratford as the actor-manager Frederick Graham he will have breached the bastions of both Britain's big national companies. He was an excellent Captain Macheath in the National's *Beggar's Opera* four years ago before taking over the role of Sky Masterson from Ian Charleson in their *Guys and Dolls*. He kept his vocal chords and soft-soled shoes in trim in between times with *Pump Boys and Dinettes* in the West End.

But he reckons that this latest role — "Fred Graham-stroke-Petruchio, a rather bombastic, egotistical Actor Chappie" at the head of a touring company putting on *The Taming of the Shrew* — is his toughest assignment. "Even harder than doing *Hamlet* at the Ludlow Festival in the mid-Seventies", he reckons, "because there are big chunks of Shakespeare, which is quite physical, immediately followed by song. My solo numbers include 'Where is the Life That Late I Led' and 'I've Come to Wive it Wealthy in Padua', and one of the reasons why I don't want to see the film again before I open is that Howard Keel was actually very good."

Brought up in Portsmouth, the son of a senior naval captain, he sang in the cathedral choir. He was also enjoined to trill out arias from *The Merry Widow* around the home piano at Christmas. But he avoided acting. "I always ducked out of it at school and I never did any at Oxford, where I read English for a year before failing my prelims. I used the exam time to write a poem, actually. I was only interested in jazz and I thought theatre and classical music, even poetry, were high-falutin élite culture. I actually preferred the lyrics of the Blues to poetry."

His first band was Thunder Odin and the Big Secret. They played club socials. But it was not until he found himself the sole applicant auditioning at the Roaring Twenties Club in London for a struggling rhythm and blues band called Manfred Mann that his career as a "shouter" rocketed. And it was not until he had returned, some seven years later, as a soloist from an Australian tour with The Who that he discovered a taste and ability for acting.

"I'd just got back, and was wondering if I was really cut out for pop, when the phone rang." It was Charles Marowitz, offering him a part at the Open Space in *Muzeeka*, a play about piped music. But, like his starring role in the film *Privilege*, it proved a false dawn. "It was, in fact, a terrible flop, but Marowitz had taught me to love the theatre and to see the whole thing as a learning experience. So I was fired with enthusiasm."

Despite being grasped by teenaged girls whenever he came downstage, Jones says he has never had much personal confidence. He has always been happier working in a group. Rediscovering God, he claims, has given him yet another lease on life. Why, apart from some gentle nudgings at show-business dinners hosted by Cliff Richard, did he turn to religion? "There's only ever one answer to why I became a Christian. Because Jesus wanted me to. But actually it happened when I fell in love with somebody who was going to church." That somebody, the actress Fiona Hendley, became his second wife two years ago, after meeting Jones at the National Theatre. She was Jenny Diver in *The Beggar's Opera* and she is also on stage with him in *Kiss Me Kate*, playing Bianca. Jones also has two sons — Matthew, 23, and Jacob, 22 — from his earlier marriage to the novelist Sheila MacLeod.

There is an air of common sense and detachment about him, which he says is partly the reason he never turned to drugs and alcohol and perished like many of those he knew: "I think I've emerged because I was blessed with not being too famous. And I didn't have that kind of personality, either. The real casualties of the pop business, those whose deaths I've been shocked by — or perhaps not shocked by — were either very famous, like Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Brian Jones, or were the centre of massive cult enthusiasm, like Jim Morrison. That's got to be bad for you.

"I knew Brian Jones better than anyone else in show business. I first met him in 1961 when I was a student and he worked in a bank in Cheltenham. And he just couldn't handle it. He had such an intense concentration on his life, his motivation, desires, relationships and his music that at no time did he ever stand back from himself."

Never one for partying the night away himself, Jones has always had a sensible attitude to his own body. He trained his singing voice. He became a vegetarian. He gave up trying to cram in gigs with his Blues Band on a regular basis, also on medical advice. "I was appearing at the National at the same time and I kept keeling over in pubs, on trains and in the theatre, though never actually on stage. A doctor diagnosed exhaustion, and I thought 'Who wants that?'."

Fleet responses

CONCERTS

RPO/Koizumi
Festival Hall

While André Previn was resting damaged cartilages, Kazuhiro Koizumi was springing up and down from the knees, transferring a good deal of his own effervescent energy into the Royal Philharmonic and Berlioz's *Corsaire* Overture. Previn's indisposition gave London the chance to watch the ways of the young Japanese director of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. I hope it will not take further injury or illness to lure him back again.

The *Symphonie fantastique* is no bad work with which to make your mark. Koizumi, who has a way of appearing and disappearing from the platform in a microsecond, draws comparably fleet responses from his players: he had Berlioz's *idée fixe* leaping to its feet, tuttis cracking together and, in the "Witches' Sabbath" the bass strings positively hurled into action. His is the sort of conducting which is very much physically in touch with the orchestra. And this was the sort of performance which skilfully and unashamedly put orchestral muscle-toning first and interpretative insight second.

There were giveaway moments — the cantering waltz, the short-measure silences — which suggested that the work inspired challenge rather than deep sympathy in Mr Koizumi. This was plainly not the case, though, in his astute, bright-eyed accompaniment to Ravel's Piano Concerto in G. Alicia de Larrocha was the soloist, and between them they made the piece just what Ravel wanted it to be: light-hearted and brilliantly witty, without aiming at profundity or dramatic effect.

No matter how many times one hears Miss de Larrocha, one is always surprised by the purely tactile scope of her playing: the brilliance which is never brittle, thanks to the quicksilver interplay of changing finger-weight; the camouflage technique with which she can mingle at one moment with harp strings, at another with trumpet bantering; and, above all, the radiant clarity of line to which Ravel's Adagio is so seldom treated.

Hilary Finch

Jorge Bolet
St John's/Radio 3

Jorge Bolet has the uncanny knack of making a virtuoso performance sound simple. So much so, in fact, that if one had a major criticism to make of him in this short recital it was that his formidable technical facility negated, to an extent, the atmosphere of spontaneously-met challenge that the late Romantics, all the way up to Rachmaninov, demand. Instead he preferred a cultivated sound and gave readings that chanced very little. Such an approach, though, undoubtedly contributes much to his deserved success on record.

He began here with the Ballade in G minor by Grieg, actually an extended set of variations on a Norwegian folk-tune called "The Northern Peasantry". This work, although rarely heard, is reckoned to be the composer's most important exercise in the medium. Its 14 variations contain an impressive variety of mood and textures, although its dominant emotion is one of tragedy, as its rich vein of chromatic harmonies suggests. And, if Greig fails to explore the possibilities inherent in his theme as searchingly as, say, Brahms might, that is because his objectives are rather different.

Bolet gave an appropriately inward-looking performance, but then turned his attention to Rachmaninov and a selection of four Preludes that showed all the considerable strengths of his art. The G sharp minor piece, Op 32 No 12, demanded, and got, the most finely controlled finger-work, while the stormy C minor Prelude, Op 23 No 5, the resigned but lyrical G flat major, Op 23 No 10, and finally the majestic, melancholic early C sharp minor Prelude, Op 3 No 2, Russian to the core, were all given with impressive polish.

And, to follow, what better than the swaggering sentiment and unabashed pyrotechnics of Rachmaninov's two famous Kreisler transcriptions, "Liebesleid" and "Liebesfreud"?

Stephen Pettitt

OPERA

Il trittico
Royal College of Music

The first full production in the Britten Opera Theatre certainly gave the RCM's new pride and joy a thorough testing. Puccini's "Il trittico" runs for almost four hours, and that makes its complete staging rare. Yet its cunning construction — moving from the Grand Guignol melodrama of *Il tabarro* through the sentimentality of *Suor Angelica* to the broad farce of *Gianni Schicchi* — is satisfying, and there is some vintage Puccini along the way.

Graziella Sciutti's productions grew more convincing as the evening progressed; so did the playing of the RCM Sinfonia under James Lockhart. The staging of *Il tabarro* seemed to fight shy of the opera's luridness. If this sordid tale of lust and strangulation is to succeed it surely needs larger-than-life emotions acted out amidst buckets of dry ice. Instead of a seedy Seine wharf we were presented with a pretty red-brick quayside, replete with flower-pots. Perhaps Michele had parked his barge in Camden Lock by mistake.

In other circumstances Sharon Lloyd's arm movements as Giorgetta would have seemed too stagey, but she seemed better attuned to this piece's requirements than the rather pale males around her. The tenor Marc Thompson pulled out some ringing tone as the amorous stevedore Luigi, and there was a pleasantly earthy cameo from the American mezzo Jennifer Barnes as Frugola.

Linda Clemens's radiant performance in the title-role dominated *Suor Angelica*, as it should. She cannot yet float a pianissimo top, but she found the right mixture of religious ecstacy and mortal terror for the suicide and vision of her dead child. The latter was effectively staged, providing a dewy-eyed climax to a work that seemed a far stronger dramatic entity than its reputation suggests.

Gianni was a strong team effort, with a well-drilled nonet of grasping relatives gamely sustaining this delicious black comedy. The Canadian baritone Donald Jones struck a droll vein of cunning peasantry in the title-role and Carolyn Pride delivered that sugary show-stopper "O mio babbino caro" with distinction.

There are further performances tomorrow and Friday.

Richard Morrison

Deity invoked in a dubious deal

THEATRE

The Viewing
Greenwich

Donald Cooper

Pining for a man-to-man chat about the Creation: Graeme Garden (right), Jonathan Newth

Usually a bit of a joker when he condescends to stage appearances, God the Father graces David Pownall's play in the likeness of a would-be house-buyer who arrives on the doorstep carrying twice the asking price in cash in the hope of doing a quick deal. It puts the Almighty off his stroke to learn that the transaction requires the assistance of a solicitor.

The Viewing starts in a promising vein of comic mystery, featuring a visitor who simultaneously knows everything and knows nothing, and who combines urbane courtesy with remarks inviting a fist up the nose. "You're a well-built woman", he tells the lady of the house, who takes it in her stride. Enter her daughter: "Hardly a beauty", he continues. "And no virgin, either"; whereupon the chance of any deal, with or without a solicitor, recedes to vanishing point.

Mystery apart, this scene explores a fruitful line in comic reversal, by substituting plain speech for small talk, and developing an exposition in which it is the supposedly ignorant visitors — Mr Guest and his handmaiden Marion — who tell the householders all about their own property and their private lives. It is from them we learn that the son lives on inherited capital from a father who has been ousted from the family by a star physicist called Fred. All this would take some swallowing but for the fact that it is presented in terms of comic fantasy.

These domestic details, alas, turn out to be all too true; and the piece begins collapsing from the moment that Mr Guest declares his immortal credentials. In spite of his impersonation of a football referee, and claims to being an atomic particle, the Creator appears in distinctly lacklustre form. That may be Mr Pownall's point; if so, Graeme Garden certainly drives it home by playing him as a wan figure in an off-the-peg suit, pining to find somebody with whom he can have a man-to-man chat about the Creation. But, when he does get the chance, it is only to describe our planet as a "pilot scheme" and dismiss the paradoxes of the universe as "checks and balances". Such is the intellectual level; and it is not what one would have expected from the author of *Master Class*.

The debate, needless to say, centres on nuclear destruction. Fred has just invented something which is on the point of blowing us up, and God arrives to forestall this insult to his handiwork. Why he needed to come in person is not disclosed. Nor why he needs to take Fred down to Hell. Nor why he wanted to buy the house in the first place.

Fred is blind: one of several apparently arbitrary details that set you wondering whether Mr Pownall is working from a basis of myth. If so, I am unable to identify it. But even the visible story exists on two unrelated levels of family life and Elysian dialogue, so that when Fred's sight is miraculously restored Bess remains glued to the television set.

Alan Strachan's production treats the piece with great respect, giving equal weight to its domestic clashes and philosophical banter, with only occasional bursts of disciplined physical action. That would be very suitable for Shaw; but with characters as invertebrate as Fred (Jonathan Newth) or tedious as the loutish son (Greg Cruttwell) some papering over the cracks might have helped.

Irving Wardle

Coming and going

DANCE

Diversions
Laban Studio

Diversions Dance Company from Cardiff brought four works not previously seen in London for its programme at the Laban Centre's Studio Theatre on Monday night. None of them offers great originality of movement, but the variety of styles and subjects shows concern to give the company's local audiences as wide an experience as possible, while the choice of choreographers proves a certain adventurousness.

The most interesting piece is *Just a Song at Twilight*, by Quinny Sacks. Images from Eliot's *Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* provide the raw material, and the production adopts a similar fragmentary manner with some success. The adaptation is done with ingenuity: moving screens provide rooms in which the women come and go and it is the floor of the stage rather than his life which the hero measures out in coffee-spoons. Well, teaspoons, actually, but perhaps nobody nowadays remembers the difference.

There is no more sense of period in Deb Thomas's designs than in the choreography or in Nicholas Carr's collage score. That is a weakness, but in compensation the work acquires a zany humour. The leading performer deserves credit for this, and for his contribution to Roy Campbell-Moore's *Rave On*, an evocation of the jive era to Buddy Holly recordings, but the alphabetical cast-lists prevent him from receiving it. Silly idea.

Two other works are by American choreographers. *In Our Own Image*, by Jerry Pearson, uses rods carried by the dancers to make literal stick-men: ingenious, but boring. Martha Partidge's *Move Please* did not always sufficiently obey its title, and there was too much chatter in Tigger Benford's score, but the work eventually built up a diverting liveliness.

John Percival

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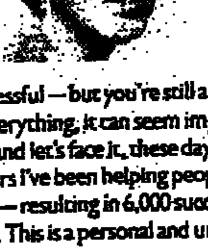

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JAZZ

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Dave Holland, the British double-bassist who went from playing for audiences of half a dozen in London with the Spontaneous Music Ensemble to appearing before crowds of half a million at international pop festivals with Miles Davis's band in the space of a single year at the end of the 1960s, returned to London on Monday night at the helm of a quintet which includes a couple of musicians who would find a place in anyone's selection of the young stars of jazz in 1987.

Marvin Smith, the group's extraordinary drummer, has been praised in these columns on several occasions; it is enough to add that he continues to develop and enrich his personal synthesis of Elvin Jones's dense polyrhythms and Billy Higgins's light-fingered wit. There have been fewer opportunities to examine the playing of his colleague Steve Coleman, an alto saxophonist of almost intimidating precocity.

Coleman's exquisitely sculptured tone and an articulation that retains its crispness even at blistering speed enhance his gift for building intense improvisations out of unusually vivid melodic shapes. A tune created from teasingly cryptic horn monosyllables over Smith's nudging New Orleans-style press-rolls suggested that he is also a composer of uncommon gifts.

Kenny Wheeler, the London-based Canadian trumpeter, and Robin Eubanks, a trombonist whose gum-chewing demeanour is echoed in the laconic quality of his playing, complete a group saved from a certain dryness of ensemble tone by the vivacity of its arrangements, mostly from the leader's pen.

As a player, Holland displays what is by contemporary standards a powerful simplicity, although sophisticated amplification robs his instrument of its natural tone. He is to be congratulated on assembling a band that demands to be heard during its present season, which lasts until the end of next week.

At the ICA earlier in the evening, several British groups gave their services in support of the detained dissidents of the Czechoslovakian Jazz Section. Most notably, Mike and Kate Westbrook and their saxophonist, Chris Biscoe, performed a version of "Lush Life" bitter enough to remind us that jazz can still be a music of protest.

Richard Williams

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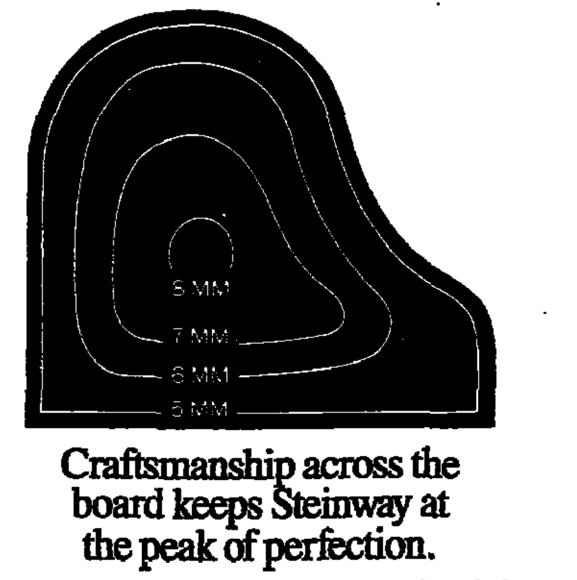

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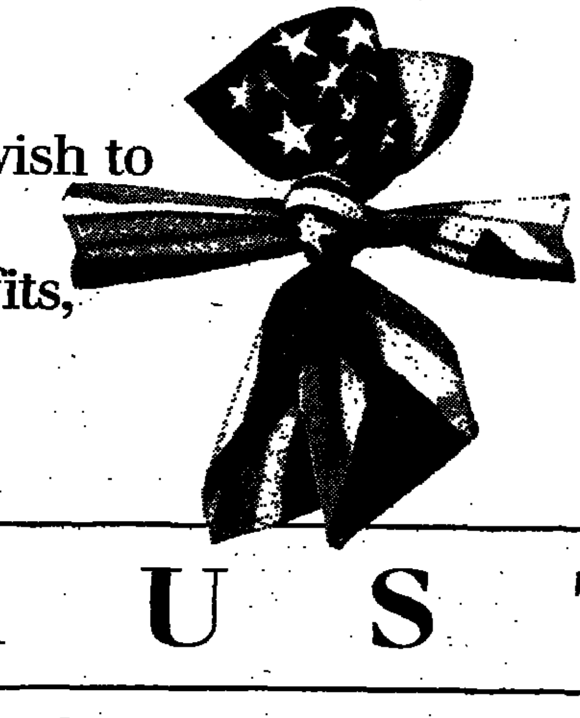

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A company from over here that's also doing rather well over there.

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1458.5 (-5.4)

FT-SE 100
1828.6 (-4.2)

Bargains
38730 (40150)

USM (Datastream)
141.5 (-0.12)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5270 (+0.0085)

W German mark
2.7494 (+0.0070)

Trade-weighted
68.3 (-0.1)

Stand by for BA take off

Applications for British Airways shares should be posted today to ensure arrival before the Friday deadline.

With the shares already trading at a 15p-20p premium on the grey market, the issue looks set to be a success, with the airline in stronger shape than when privatization was first proposed.

BA's record over the past five years now stands comparison with the best of its quoted international rivals.

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Unitech up

Unitech, the electronic components distributor, reported profits for the six months to the end of last November up from £4.8 million to £5.5 million. Turnover increased by 8 per cent to £102.2 million. An interim dividend of 2.63p was declared.

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No referral

The proposed acquisition by Thomas Marshall (Loxley) of certain assets of Steetley Refractories will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

CH springs in

CH Industrials has agreed to acquire Beclawat from a subsidiary of British Land for £2.5 million. Its principal activities are the manufacture of windows and doors for the transport industry, springs for seatbelt mechanisms and domestic applicances and crowd control barriers.

£5.4m contract

Hazlewood Foods has exchanged conditional contracts for the acquisition of Cadec for £5.4 million. Cadec, based in Birmingham, processes and packs nuts and dried fruits for the retail trade and for other manufacturers.

Davis expands

Godfrey Davis, the Ford car dealers. has expanded its residential parks business with the acquisition of the Church Farm Close estate near Southampton for £460,000.

ICO problems

The International Coffee Organization's executive board has decided to call an emergency meeting in London later this month of its full council to negotiate export quotas in a bid to counter recent price weakness.

Wellman sell

Wellman has reached agreement for the sale of its unoccupied Woking property to Campmoss, a property copany. for £550,000 in cash. The proceeds will reduce group borrowings.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2182.93 (+3.51)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	19956.33 (-115.76)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2606.38 (+21.16)
Amsterdam: Gen	260.6 (-2.90)
Sydney: AO	1502.5 (+16.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1732.7 (-49.80)
Brussels:	
General	4033.56 (-11.35)
Paris: CAC	420.7 (-0.80)
Zurich: SKA Gen	546.60 (-2.90)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	85.31 (-0.04)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11 1/16-11%
3-month eligible bills:10 7/32-10⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.56-5.54%*
30-year bonds 99 23/32-99 25/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5270	£: $1.5260*
£: DM2.7494	$: DM1.7980*
£: SwFr2.3165	$: SwFr1.5165*
£: FFr9.1773	$: FFr6.0010*
£: Yen232.48	$: Yen152.40*
£: Index:68.3	$: Index:103.0
ECU £0.751234	SDR £0.832813

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Courtney Pope	220p (+11p)
Molynx	152p (+12p)
Simon Eng.	305p (+14p)
Friendly Hotel	182p (+16p)
Bowater	409p (+11p)
Gus 'A'	1139p (+22p)
Textured Jersey	150p (+15p)
Reckitt & Colman	952p (+10p)
Authority Inv	368p (+58p)
Henderson Admin.	1073p (+30p)
Pineapple Dance	98p (+21p)
Evered	219p (+11p)
Tomkinsons	330p (+10p)
Howard Shutt	70p (+18p)
ICI	1318p (+10p)
St. Ives	875p (+10p)
Yule Catto	301p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Unilever	2370p (-25p)
Thomson T-Line	438p (-17p)
Standard Chart	755p (-17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $402.00 pm-$404.00
close $401.00-401.50 (£262.50-263.00)
New York:
Comex $398.60-399.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar.) pm $18.05bbl($18.20)
* Denotes latest trading price

G5 uncertainty erodes support

New troubles hit dollar

By Bailey Morris and David Smith

Signs of stronger US economic growth lifted the dollar yesterday after sharp falls earlier. The biggest rise in the leading indicators for nearly four years helped the dollar, but dealers said that the outlook for the currency remains bearish.

Hopes of an early meeting of the Group of Five finance ministers have now all but disappeared and this has removed support from the dollar.

It closed at DM1.8005 in London, more than a pfennig down on the day, after earlier trading at DM1.78. Later, in New York, it was quoted at DM1.7980, below the key DM1.80 level.

The pound gained against the dollar, rising by 85 points to $1.5270, but it slipped to DM2.7436, down a pfennig, and the sterling index slipped 0.1 to 68.3.

The US leading indicators rose by 2.1 per cent in December, ending 1986 with the highest monthly increase since January 1983. It followed a revised increase of 0.9 per cent in November, down from an earlier estimate of 1.2 per cent.

Indications of stronger growth in the US economy have led some market analysts to revise their expectation that the Federal Reserve Board will be forced into an early discount rate cut.

The December rise, led by a surge in building permits, was significantly higher than markets had anticipated. The new data, coupled with the recent release of a lower than expected trade deficit of *$10.6* billion (£7.06 billion) in December, led Administration officials and some economists to suggest that the US economy has begun to rebound.

Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, said the new figures indicated that the economy is "on track for 3.2 per cent growth in 1987".

The White House issued a longer than usual statement, hailing the new data as evidence that the "Reagan expansion" is alive and well despite growing criticism of the record budget and trade deficits.

"All the lines on recent economic charts seem to be moving in a positive direction. We are enjoying our 50th consecutive month of economic growth, making the Reagan expansion the second longest in post-war history," said Mr Martin Fitzwater, the new White House spokesman.

Both the December indicators and the improved trade figures released last Friday were helped by unusual occurrences. The index was bolstered *substantially* by a rise in building permits in California where fees are scheduled to rise this year.

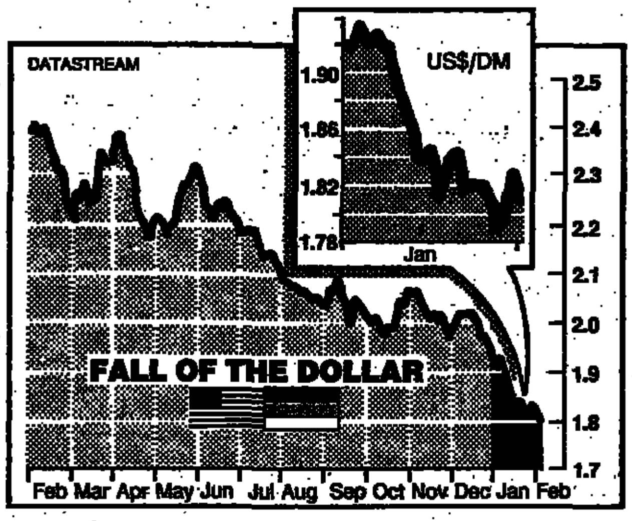
On the trade side, the data was better not because of an increase in exports but because of the lower value of imports based also on changes in some fee collections.

Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, said in Tokyo that "the situation remains unclear" about *prospects* for a G5 meeting. On Monday, finance ministry officials in Japan confirmed that parliamentary engagements in Tokyo prevented Mr Miyazawa from leaving the country this weekend.

The Bank of Japan appears to bw ready to cut its discount rate from the present 3 per cent level, in spite of the absence of a G5 meeting.

The impetus for a meeting appears to have faded, in spite of a resumption of the dollar's slide. Treasury officials in London indicated that there is no sign of emerging of the consensus between participants that is needed

The dollar's renewed weakness has come at a difficult time for the American authorities. The US Treasury began its $29 billion quarterly debt refunding yesterday, offering $10 billion of three-year bonds.



$72 million boost for reserves

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose by an underlying $72 million (£47 million) last month, the third successive monthly increase. The figures confirm that sterling came through January, traditionally a crisis month for the pound, without official support.

The reserves stood at $21,952 million at the end of January, compared with $21,923 million at the end of December. The fall in the sterling value of the reserves between the two dates is explained by the dollar's fall against the pound.

The actual rise in the reserves of $29 million converted into an underlying rise of $72 million after allowance was made for official repayments and new borrowing.

This followed an underlying rise of $96 million in December and $35 million in November. In the previous three-month period, August-October, the reserves fell by $1.2 billion as the Bank of England defended the weak pound.

Borrowings last month under the exchange cover scheme amounted to $163 million and repayments were $151 million. Capital repayments totalled $14 million.

DTI checking on bid for Standard Chartered Bank

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Doubts surfaced again yesterday over the way Standard Chartered Bank staved off a takeover bid by Lloyds Bank last year when it emerged that Standard had lent large sums to interests closely related to Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat in the month the bid lapsed. Tan Sri Khoo was one of three "white squires" who helped save the bank from takeover through late share buying.

Standard made an interbank loan of B$30 million (£10 million) to the National Bank of Brunei (NBB) last July, the month the Lloyds bid lapsed. NBB, which is now under investigation by the Brunei authorities, was majority-owned by the Khoo family and has 90 per cent of its loans outstanding to Khoo business interests.

The Department of Trade and Industry is looking closely at events surrounding the defeat of the bid to determine whether a full scale investigation is justified. The DTI said that Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, has made it clear that the Government would investigate any allegations of wrong-doing in the *City if there is reason to do so.* So far, however, no inspectors have been appointed.

Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat: spent £60 million

Mr David Millar, senior executive director of Standard, said yesterday that the group had dealt with NBB on the interbank deposit market for some time. He would not confirm whether money had been lent to NBB under existing facilities during the bid.

A proposal to increase credit facilities to NBB was considered by Standard in June last year — during the bid — but was rejected because NBB was looked on as a Khoo-related company.

But Standard said that after the bid had lapsed, the bank made additional facilities available to NBB. It is not clear whether these "additional facilities" refer to the £10 million lent in July.

Last December Standard insisted that no financial or other inducements were offered to the "white squires" to buy shares during the bid.

Tan Sri Khoo spent about£60 million in purchasing a 5 per cent stake in Standard as part of the bid defence.

Proposals to bring rates into line

Cuts in commission

By Peter Gartland

A shake-up is in the offing for commission rates that can be paid to brokers and other financial intermediaries who sell life assurance, pensions and unit trust products.

They are contained in proposals published yesterday by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) which is likely *to have responsibility for the* marketing of financial products to the public under the Financial Services Act.

The most significant proposal is to bring commission rates on single premium insurance bonds and unit trusts much more into line with each other. At present most insurance companies pay intermediaries commission of 5.2 per cent of a single premium. Some companies pay more.

However, unit trust commission on lump sum investments is only 3 per cent of the puchase money.

This differential has led to criticism that intermediaries are biased in favour of selling single premium bonds to clients even when a unit trust would be in the client's best interests.

Lautro has responded by proposing that after a transitional period, commission on single premium bonds will be reduced to 3 per cent in the first year and 0.5 per cent of the value of the fund in subsequent years.

The new arrangements will not come into force fully until 1991.

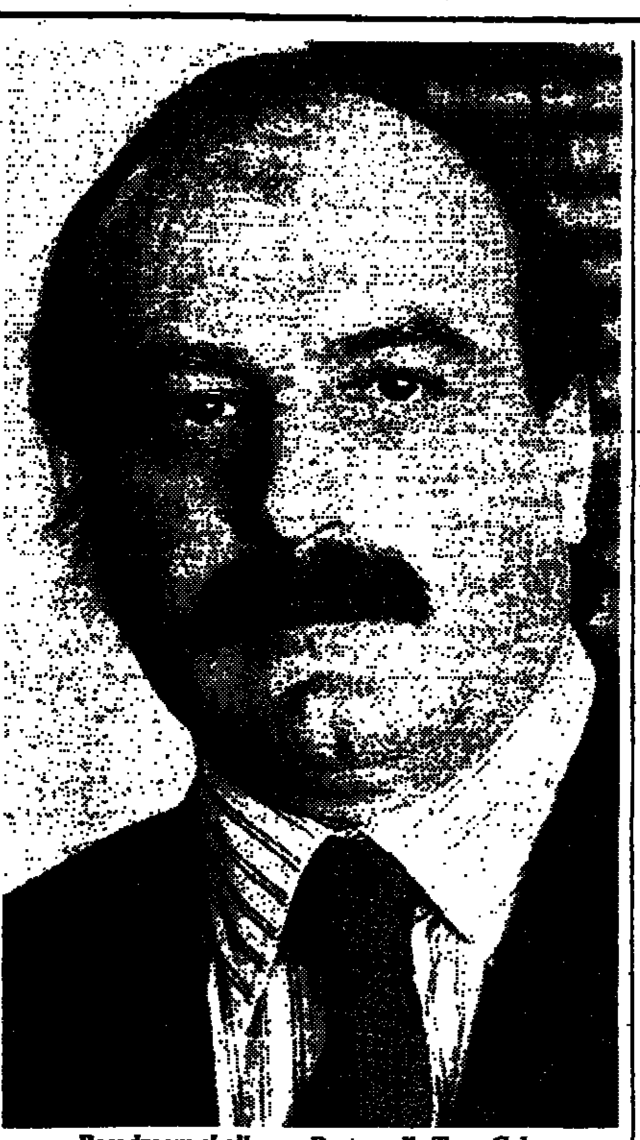
Mr Tony Smith, chief executive of the Unit Trust Association which has been pressing for just such a change, said he was delighted with the proposals — but would be even more pleased if they could be put into force

Lautro confirmed also its commission proposals on annual premium life assurance and personal pensions contracts.

These provide for a maximum commission of 25 per cent of each premium for an initial period (which is based on the premium payment term) plus a 2.5 per cent annual renewal commission.

Mr Brian Wright of Lautro said that the new proposals were a great benefit for consumers but the Consumers' Association said it was disappointed with some of them.

Lautro's proposals have to be given clearance by the Office of Fair Trading before they come into force.



Boardroom challenge: Bestwood's Tony Cole

OFT complaint over 'Whitbread umbrella'

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Tony Cole, head of Bestwood, the financial services group, is to complain to the Office of Fair Trading about the so-called "Whitbread umbrella" as part of his battle to obtain a seat on the board of the Llanelli-based Buckley's Brewery.

The Welsh brewery is asking shareholders to throw out a proposal for Mr Cole to replace Mr Jasper Clutterbuck, the Whitbread representative on the board. An extraordinary meeting has been called for February 27.

Mr Cole, who owns 27 per cent of Buckley's, claims it has seriously underperformed and needs to use modern marketing techniques. But his requests for a boardroom role have been turned down.

"There is a lot of potential in the business. You don't have to be a brewer to run a brewing company and I think my track record in raising the market value of my company from £2 million to £36 million in less than two years shows I have something to offer," he said.

But the Whitbread brewing group — together with the stake held by its investment arm — speaks for about 27 per cent of Buckley's and is ranged against Bestwood.

"We are contacting the Office of Fair Trading and pointing out that there is a conflict of interest here where Whitbread, because of its stake and its policy towards regional brewers, is exercising creeping control over the company," said Mr Cole.

Whitbread has stakes in a number of regional brewers, viewed as a means of ensuring their independence.

EEC takes 50% of UK trade

By Our Economics Correspondent

Half of Britain's overseas trade last year was with the EEC, according to official figures. This was the first time that the 50 per cent trade share has been reached and represents an important landmark in relations with the Community.

Last year, 51.7 per cent of Britain's imports were from the EEC, while 48 per cent of exports were to the other 11 members of the Community. Export and import trade with the EEC totalled £79.8 billion, exactly 50 per cent of total trade of £159.6 billion.

In 1985, trade with the present 11 EEC partners made up 48.8 per cent of the total. But in 1972, before Britain joined the Community, only a third of our trade was with these countries. In 1967, the figure was less than 30 per cent.

The increased share is a reflection of the removal of trade barriers in the Community, the sharp upward trend in British imports of manufactured goods, and sales of North Sea oil to Europe.

However, the relationship runs heavily in favour of the other member states. Last year, Britain had an EEC trade deficit of £9.6 billion.

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Cost figures 'not reliable'

Recent Government figures *showing a sharp fall in the* annual rate of increase in manufacturers' unit costs are not a reliable measure of British competitiveness or of what is happening in individual companies, according to Incomes Data Services.

The Government's 3 per cent figure, showing the pace of growth in unit labour costs for the three months to November, was less than half *the rate at the start of 1986.*

Lyons, Parnes advised on bid for Bell

By Lawrence Lever

Sir Jack Lyons and Mr Anthony Parnes both advised Guinness during its takeover of Arthur Bell & Sons, and were paid substantial fees in return.

Mr Parnes, who received £3 million for "key advice" during the Distillers bid, has already told the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors of his role in the Arthur Bell takeover.

There have been repeated suggestions that the final DTI report will encompass the £340 million takeover of Arthur Bell. Mr Raymond Miquel, the former Arthur Bell chairman, has already given evidence to the inspectors.

The Parnes evidence does not, however, include details of his involvement in the takeover of Debenhams by the Burton Group.

Payments to Swiss companies connected to Mr Parnes and Sir Jack Lyons have been identified on £25 million worth of mystery invoices unearthed by Guinness. Sir Norman Macfarlane, the new *Guinness chairman,* has said the company has no satisfactory explanation for the invoices.

During his two four-to-five hour sessions with the inspectors, Mr Parnes explained that the fees of £3 million he received via a Swiss company — Consultations et Investissements — were negotiated on his behalf by Sir Jack Lyons with Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, and Mr Thomas Ward, another Guinness director who has been asked to resign.

The amount of the fees was largely determined by an initial offer from Mr Saunders. Sir Jack's response was to ask for an additional 10 per cent — and Mr Saunders and Mr Ward agreed.

Both Sir Jack and Mr Parnes are understood to be willing to repay some of the fees — totalling about £5 million — they received between them after the Distillers takeover. But they are anxious to set up a meeting to explain their role and procure some form of public acknowledgement from the new *Guinness board that they have* not behaved improperly.

Creditors serve writ for £124m

By Colin Narbrough

The legal battle over the millions owed by the insolvent International Tin Council yesterday saw nine creditor brokers serve a High Court writ on the Department of Trade and Industry as part of a fresh direct action against all signatory states behind the ITC.

The brokers' claims exceed £124 million, with Gill and Duffus leading the field with a demand for more than £21 million. Two West German-owned companies, Amalgamated Metal Trading and Metallgesellschaft, are the second and third biggest claimants.

The DTI has rejected responsibility for ITC liabilities — estimated at £500 million — saying the English courts did not have jurisdiction.

The latest writ, issued on behalf of broking firms that trade on the London Metal Exchange, is addressed to 23 ITC member states, the Council, and the EEC.

The brokers are suing for breach of contract by the ITC, payment of money awarded in previous court judgements, misrepresentation by the ITC and breach of warranty by the governments.

The writ asserts that member governments are jointly and severally liable for the *ITC's debts.*

7.5% rise for Nissan workers

By Anne Warden

The first full agreement on pay by Nissan, the Japanese carmaker, for its British workers in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, gives the 500 staff rises of up to 7.5 per cent, almost 3 percentage points above the 4.6 per cent average for settlements in Britain's manufacturing industry.

The two-year deal is the first to include manufacturing staff since the plant, which is expected to attract about £100 million of government grants, was officially opened by Mrs Thatcher last September.

The agreement is graded so that the bigger rises fall in the first year. Manufacturing staff team leaders and manufacturing staff get increases of 7.5 per cent from January 1, bringing their salaries to a possible £10,374 from £9,650, and £8,597 from £8,050 respectively in the first year.

The lowest percentage increase in the first year of the agreement is 6 per cent for certain administrative staff and controllers.

Flat rate rises of 5.5 per cent for all staff in the second year will bring the two manufacturing categories' pay to a possible £10,944 and £9,070 respectively.

The £50 miilion plant began assembly of car kits for sale last July and has been turning out 95 cars a day.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Cowan buys computer trainer for £3 million

Cowan de Groot, the toy maker, is paying £3.19 million for International Computer Training (ICT) which trains employees for the computer industry.

Holders of 68 per cent of the shares in ICT – which is quoted on the over-the-counter market – are backing the offer worth 74p a share.

ICT, which was set up ten years ago, is forecasting profits before tax for the current year of £354,000.

The deal will fit in with the acquisition last year of Chart Foulks Lynch, which runs correspondence courses for accountants.

Cowan de Groot – whose activities now take in distribution of toys, gifts, electrical goods and DIY materials – has been developing into the communications sector since the arrival on the board of Mr Philip Birch, chairman of the Ward White group.

New Friends for McCann

McCann-Erickson, the US-owned advertising agency, is taking on Friends of the Earth, the environmental pressure group, as a client.

The agency, which claims billings of about £1,514 billion is to work on newspaper advertising and leaflets aimed at increasing the Friends' membership, at present 30,000.

Friends of the Earth spends an annual £30,000 on advertising.

Meggitt buy approved

Meggitt Holding's purchase of Bestobell last September has finally won Government approval.

The £85 million takeover deal, involving an asset sale to BTR which left the industrial conglomerate with a 25 per cent stake in Meggitt, will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Mr Ken Coates, Meggitt managing director, said: "The delay never caused us any concern."

Midland Bank issues long Hong Kong CD

Midland Bank's Hong Kong branch yesterday announced the issue of a HK$156 million (£13 million) certificate of deposit with a seven years and a half maturity, the longest fixed rate CD so far issued in Honk Kong dollars.

The CD carries a coupon of 7 5/16 per cent payable half-yearly and was issued at par. It forms part of the Midland branch's regular funding operations but Manufacturers Hanover, one of the lead managers, said that unusual length of maturity of the CD offered the stability of longer-term funds. The issue was co-lead managed by Samuel Montagu & Co, Midland Bank's merchant banking arm.

Management takes over

Stanhay Webb, the precision seed drill company, of Exning, Suffolk, has been bought out from Hestair, the fire engines to toys and employment bureaux group, for £500,000.

The buyers are a management team led by Mr Allan Marshall and Mr Mike Heywood, who are joint managing directors.

The company, which hopes to grow with European sugar beet, vegetable and salad crop produce, was formerly part of Hestair's troubled farm equipment division, which closed its factory at Holbeach, Lincolnshire, last October.

Hawker in US swoop

Hawker Siddeley, the engineering group, is continuing its buying spree in the United States with a $30.8 million (£20.2 million) cash tender offer for Clarostat Manufacturing Company at $74 a share.

Shareholders representing 49 per cent of Clarostat's equity have agreed to sell to Hawker, if Hawker obtains two-thirds of the equity. Hawker will then apply for a merger between Clarostat and its American subsidiary.

Clarostat has annual sales of more than $25 million and manufactures components for the several areas of the electronics industry.

£26m Ulster boost

Dr Brian Mawhinney, Northern Ireland Office education minister, yesterday lifted a year-long moratorium on new school building projects and gave Ulster's depressed construction industry a much needed boost by announcing that 28 capital projects costing more than £26 million will be started in 1987/88.

The programme covers 24 schools across the province and four other schemes including a new library in Londonderry, the £3.5 million extension of a further education college at Newry, County Down, and a community centre.

WALL STREET

Dow edges higher

New York (Reuter) – Economically sensitive and dollar-sensitive issues had more to cheer about as the market opened with a strong rise yesterday.

A good 2.1 per cent rise in December leading indicators failed to shore up the dollar and provided fuel for a rise in the shares of companies with foreign operations.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which moved to a record high on Monday, tacked on 10 points to 2,189 in early trade but later moderated its advance to 6.04 at 2,185.46.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index rose 0.82 to 277.27.

Semiconductors and computers, beneficiaries of a lower dollar, led the market. Texas Instruments rose 1½ to 147¾ and Motorola 2⅛ to 47⅜.

	Feb 2	Jan 30
AMR Cp	56⅝	56½
ASA	40¼	40¼
Aetna Life	59¾	60¼
Allied Signal	47½	47¼
Allis Chalm	2¾	2¾
Alcoa	40	39¾
Amax Inc	14¼	14⅝
AMR Hess	28	27½
Am Brands	48⅞	49½
Am Can	97⅞	95
Am Cynmd	88½	87½
Am Ele Pwr	31⅛	31⅛
Amex	68⅝	68
Am Home	82½	82½
Am Motors	3⅞	3⅞
Am Stand	43⅝	43
Am Telph	24¼	24⅞
Amoco Cp	72½	72¼
Armco Steel	7⅛	6¾
Asarco Inc	19	17⅞
Ashland Oil	59¾	58¾
Atl Richfld	67⅞	67⅝
Avon Prod	30⅝	30½
Bk Boston	29⅝	29½
Bank NY	39¾	39⅝
Bankamer	14	14
Bkrs Tst NY	49¼	49⅝
Beth Steel	7⅝	7⅝
Boeing	49⅝	50¼
Boise Casc	77	76¼
Borden	54⅞	54⅜
Borg Warnr	39⅞	40⅜
Bnst Myer	93⅜	92⅝
BP	47⅞	47⅝
Brunswck	38	37⅜
Burl Ind	43⅝	43½
Burl Nth	61⅛	61
CBS	141¼	139⅝
CPC Int	47⅜	48
Cmpbell Sp	59⅜	58⅛
Can Pacific	15	15
Caterpiller	44½	43⅝
Celanese	242⅞	242⅞
Centrl SW	38⅝	39⅞
Champion	38⅝	37⅞
Chase Man	38⅞	39⅞
Chem NY	46⅜	46½
Chevron	53	53
Chrysler	48⅞	48
Citicorp	57¼	57
Clark Eq	22¾	22½
Coca Cola	42⅝	42⅝
Colgate	46	46¼
Columb Gas	49⅛	48⅜
Cmb tn Eng	36⅜	35
Cmwlth Edi	37	37¼
Cons Edis	49⅝	49
Cn Nat Gas	36⅞	36
Cons Pwr	17⅞	17⅞
Cont Data	27½	27⅞
Corning Gl	56¼	56
Crane	40⅞	39⅞
Curtiss Wrt	56	55⅝
Data Genl	35	33⅝
Deere Cp	27⅞	27¼
Delta Airl	58⅝	55⅞
Detroit Edi	18¾	18¾
Digtal Eq	146	145⅜
Disney	56⅜	56⅝
Dow Chem	71⅝	71⅜
Dressr Ind	23⅞	23½
Dupont	98⅝	97⅜
Duke Pwr	50⅝	50⅝
East Kodak	78⅜	77⅜
Eaton Cp	79¼	80
Emerson El	101⅛	100½
Emery Air	12¾	13⅛
Exxon	83⅛	82⅝
Fed Dpt Sts	85⅝	86⅜

	Feb 2	Jan 30
Firestone	29⅝	29¼
Fst Chicago	31¾	32¾
Fst Int Bncp	55⅞	56⅝
Fst Penn C	9½	9½
FT Wachva	41⅛	40⅜
Ford Motor	75¾	74⅝
GAF Cp	42⅞	42⅝
GTE Cp	62¼	62¼
Gen Cp	73⅝	73⅝
Gn Dynam	74¼	74
Gen Elect	101⅝	100½
Gen Inst	22⅞	21⅞
Gen Mills	48⅜	48⅜
Gen Motors	77⅝	75⅝
Gen Pub Ut	24⅜	24½
Genesco	4	4
Georgia Pac	47¼	46⅞
Gillette	55⅜	55⅝
Goodrich	50⅝	51
Goodyear	48	47⅞
Gould Inc	18⅜	18⅜
Grace Cp	52⅞	51½
Grt Atl Pac	26⅝	25⅜
Greyhnd	35⅜	35½
Gruman	27⅞	27⅝
Gulf & West	68½	69¼
Heinz	45⅝	45⅜
Hercules	58	57⅞
Hewlet Pk	51	50⅞
Honeywell	65⅜	64⅞
IC Ind	29⅜	28⅝
ITT Cp	60⅜	58½
INCO	13⅛	12⅜
Ingersoll	73⅜	72⅝
Inland Steel	23⅜	23⅜
IBM	132¾	128⅝
Int Paper	93⅝	92¾
Irving Bk	51⅛	52
Jhsn & Jhsn	76⅝	75⅝
K Mart Cp	50½	50
Kaiser Alum	15⅝	15⅜
Kerr McGee	31	31½
Kimbl Clark	108½	105⅝
Kroger	32½	31¾
LTV Cp	2⅛	2⅝
Litton	81½	79⅝
Lockheed	55⅝	54¾
Lucky Str	26⅞	27
Man H'nver	46⅜	46⅛
Manville	2	1⅞
Mapco	58⅜	60⅞
Marine Mid	51⅛	50⅜
Mrt Marrieta	44½	44½
Masco	33⅞	32⅝
Mcdonalds	70⅜	69¾
McDonnell	75½	75⅝
Mead Cp	68⅞	68¼
Merck	139	137¼
Minsta Mng	130¼	129⅝
Mobil	44⅛	43⅜
Monsanto	78⅜	78⅜
Morgan Jp	47⅝	46⅝
Motorola	47⅞	45¼
NCR	58½	56⅝
NL Indstrs	5⅜	5⅛
Nat Distill	54⅞	54⅜
Nat Md Ent	23¾	23⅝
Nat Semi	14½	13⅞
Norfolk Sth	92⅝	92⅛
NW Bancrp	40½	41⅛
Occid Petl	32¼	32⅜
Ogden Cp	50⅝	50⅝
Olin Co	48⅜	48⅝
Owens Ill	60	60⅝
PPG Ind	88⅝	86⅜
Pac Gas El	27	27
Pan Am	5⅝	5⅜
Penney JC	80½	80⅛
Pennzoil	74½	72⅝

	Feb 2	Jan 30
Pepsico	31⅜	31⅛
Pfizer	68¼	67⅜
Phelps Dod	24⅝	24⅜
Philip Mor	90	88⅝
Philip Ptrl	12⅞	12½
Polaroid	81⅛	79⅝
Proct Gble	86¼	88⅜
Pub Svc Eg	42¾	42⅛
Raytheon	75⅝	75⅜
Rynlds Met	47⅜	46⅝
Rockwell Int	54½	54½
Royal Dutch	104⅞	103⅞
SFE Sopac	33⅛	31⅜
Sara Lee	42⅝	42⅝
Schlumb	37	36⅝
Scott Pap	79	79
Seagram	67⅞	67¼
Sears Roeb	45⅝	45⅜
Shell Trans	66½	65⅝
Singer	45⅞	45⅜
Smtnkln Bk	104½	103¼
Sony Cp	20⅝	20
Sth Cal Edi	36¼	36½
SW Bell	117⅞	116⅝
Std Oil	58⅝	55⅜
Sterl Drug	51¼	51½
Stevens JP	42⅝	42⅝
Sun Cpmp	62¼	61⅞
TRW Inc	103¾	101
Teledyne	315½	316
Tenneco	40⅝	41
Texaco	38¾	37¾
Tex Eastn	34⅛	34⅜
Tex Inst	146¼	141⅞
Tex Util	35⅝	36
Textron	64⅛	62⅝
Travelers	48⅝	48⅜
UAL Inc	53⅞	53⅝
USG	42¼	41⅛
USX Cp	23¼	23¼
Unilever NV	248¾	244⅞
Un Carbide	25⅜	25⅜
Un Pac Cp	68¼	68¼
Unsys Cp	95⅜	93⅝
Utd Brands	40⅛	39⅞
Utd Tech	49	49⅝
Unocal	30	29⅝
Walter Jim	54¼	52⅜
Warn Lamb	67⅝	68⅛
Wells Far	55½	55⅝
Westg El	63⅜	63
Weyerhsr	48⅝	47⅝
Whirlpool	35½	34½
Woolworth	43⅝	42⅜
Xerox Cp	68⅛	68⅜
Zenith	24⅛	24¼

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	28⅛	29⅜
Alcn Alum	44⅛	42⅝
Algoma Stl	10¾	11
Can Pacific	20	19⅜
Cominco	15⅜	15½
Con Bathrst	35	35
Hiu Sd Can	26½	26¼
Hdsn B Mn	25⅛	24
Imasco	33⅛	33
Imperial Oil	58⅝	56¼
In Pipe	45⅛	45¼
Ryl Trustco	32⅛	32⅜
Seagram	90⅛	89⅝
Steel Co	20⅛	20⅛
Thmsn N A	31	31¼
Varity Corp	3.30	3.35
WCT	14⅛	14⅝
Weston	34⅛	35

STOCK MARKET

Poll lead for Labour prompts a markdown in equities

By Michael Clark

The latest political opinion poll giving Labour a 2 per cent lead over the Conservatives took some of the steam out of the stock market's record-breaking run yesterday.

Market-makers took the opportunity to give share prices an early and long overdue markdown in the hope of flushing out a few sellers and acquiring some of the much needed stock. But the sellers failed to materialize and at the first sign of a buyer, prices started to recover. The rally turned out to be a half-hearted effort and prices began to start drifting again towards the close.

The FT 30 share index managed to reduce an early 6.8 deficit to just 0.4 by 3pm, but in late trading it again started to drift, despite a steady opening on Wall Street, and by 4pm was showing a fall of 6.0 at 1,457.9.

The wider FT-SE 100 share index wiped out an early 10-point fall and, at one stage, managed a rise of 1.2 points. It closed 5.4 lower at 1,827.4.

Blue chips ran into a spot of profit-taking with **Glaxo** leading the way down with a fall of 14p to £13.59, having hit a new peak of £13.89 earlier in the session. **Unilever** also lost 25p at £23.70, **BAT Industries** 5p to 505p and **Beecham** 13p to 486p.

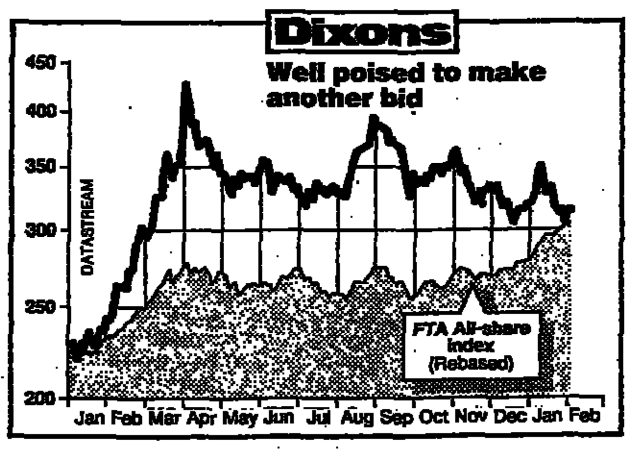
Government securities spent another dull day reflecting another disappointing performance by the pound on the foreign exchange. Prices at the longer end closed barely changed on the day.

Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, was a firm market climbing 6p to 319p following a meeting earlier this week between Mr Egon Von Greyerz, vice-chairman, and County Securities, the broking arm of NatWest Bank.

Apparently, Mr Von Greyerz put up an impressive performance highlighting Dixons' strong management team and its efficient management structure. Dealers remain convinced that the group is on the verge of making a sizeable acquisition following its failure to win control of **Woolworth** last year after a bitterly fought £1.7 billion bid. Once again, the name of Circuit City, the US electrical retailer, continues to circulate and would be expected to command a price tag of $600 million.

But the market now reckons that Dixons has cash available to make its move and that any subsequent bid could be achieved with virtually no dilution of earnings. In fact, an acquisition by Dixons would now be regarded as a positive move in the City.

Meanwhile, Woolworth extended its recent strong run with an 8p rise to 743p. There has been talk that a bullish circular is about to be published, but this appears to be wide of the mark.



● There has been some nibbling at shares of Hawley Group recently. Marketmen believe this marks a change of attitude in the City towards Mr Michael Ashcroft, chairman. They are impressed with the more conventional role he is now adopting and claim the shares at 123.5p could soon hit 200p.

One large buyer of about 300,000 shares caught the market short of stock last week and then the market-makers had to contend with strong support for the stock on the traded options market. Several market-makers have now got themselves into a pickle and the price will continue to go higher until they can buy some more stock. The price has risen by nearly 50p in the past week.

Shareholders in Sears, the William Hill betting office chain to Selfridges and Saxone stores group, must have thought Christmas had come again after peering at their Topic screens yesterday. At one stage, the quote was showing a rise of 552.5p at 677.5p. It turned out to be a blip on the screen. The price eventually closed 1p lower at 124p as 3.2 million shares changed hands.

In foods, **Ranks Hovis McDougall** showed signs of running out of steam closing all-square at 320p. The shares have been enjoying a strong run in recent days helped by last week's bullish remarks by Sir Peter Reynolds, chairman, at last week's annual meeting.

But the market is supporting the shares in the belief that a bid may soon be forthcoming following the sizeable stakes acquired by Goodman Fielder, the Australian food group, with 14.3 per cent of the shares and its New Zealand rival Fletcher Challenge with a 5 per cent holding.

Profit-taking clipped 4p at 224p from **Cadbury Schweppes**, the soft drinks and confectionery group. Last week it emerged that the General Cinema Corporation had spent £90 million acquiring an 8.3 per cent stake, but had been given the cold shoulder by Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman, despite assurances that the move was purely for investment purposes.

GCC must now wait until February 17, before it can buy any more Cadbury shares under SEC rules. Marketmen are doubtful that GCC, which owns America's largest chain of cinemas and is its biggest independent bottler, will launch its own bid for Cadbury. Instead they feel that a bid may come from a third party enabling GCC to pass on its stake.

Jaguar, the luxury car manufacturer, slipped into top gear with a 7p rise to a new peak of 608p amid growing speculation among followers of the company that it intends to initiate a double shift system at its Coventry plant next year to try and cope with the surge in orders following the launch of its new XJ 40 series.

The XJ40 is due to be launched in the US later this year and is expected to be well received and prove tough competition for its main European rival in the US, Mercedes Benz. The price of the average Jaguar saloon in the US in now much lower than the equivalent Mercedes model and the group's high level of reliability these days is proving popular with American drivers.

The American motor sector has been enjoying strong support on Wall Street where it is currently in vogue and US investors have also been big buyers of Jaguar in recent weeks. The shares already enjoy an ADR facility in New York.

In London, Jaguar is tipped as a chart "buy" at the 602p-level and is currently being pushed hard by a number of chartists.

● FRANKFURT: Share prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange continued their slide yesterday as foreign investors dumped West German equities on fears of a further decline in the dollar, brokers said.

The Commerzbank index dropped 49.8 points to 1732.7.

● TOKYO: Share prices fell on heavy volume, as profit-taking pushed the Nikkei Dow Jones index below the 20,000.00 level yesterday for the first time in four sessions. The index closed at 19,956.33, down 15.76.

● SYDNEY: The shares staged a rally, ending a week of declines. Brokers said there was a sharp change in the market sentiment that started on Monday afternoon when many prices began to rally. The A-O index closed at 1,502.5, up 15.8.

● WCRS Group, the advertising agency which used to be known as Wight Collins Rutherford Scott, may be about to hit the acquisition trail again. Word is it is just completing details of a £10 million buy of a leading European advertising agency. The price fell 7p to 605p yesterday.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	9,700
Amstrad	2,600
ASDA-MFI	9,200
Ass Br Foods	1,200
BET	603
BTR	1,500
BAT	3,700
Barclays	912
Bass	1,000
Beecham	4,100
Blue Circle	399
BOC	2,100
Boots	7,400
BPB Ind	938
Br Aerospace	989
Br Gas	23,000
Br Petroleum	2,700
Br Telecom	8,900
Britoil	2,200
Burton	1,800
Cable & Wireless	2,800
Cadbury Schwep	2,200
Coats Viyella	563
Com Union	4,400
Cons Goldfields	998
Cookson Gp	1,200
Courtaulds	4,800
Dee Corp	701
Dixons Gp	7,900
Fisons	481
Gen Accident	373
GEC	8,400
Glaxo	2,600
Granada	1,000
Grand Met	2,800
GUS 'A	785
GRE	641
GKN	6,300
Guinness	1,700
Hanson	8,800
Hawker Siddeley	572
Hillsdown	1,200
Imp Chem Ind	2,700
Imp Cont Gas	300
Jaguar	4,300
Ladbroke	950
Land Securities	338
Legal & Gen	1,500
Lloyds	1,900
Lonhro	1,200
Marks & Spencer	7,000
Midland	783
Nat West	2,400
P & O Dfrd	2,100
Pearson	94
Pilkington Bros	1,800
Plessey	5,400
Prudential	568
Racal Elect	5,600
Rank Org	1,000
Rank Hovis	439
Reckitt Colman	835
Redland	381
Reed Int	1,200
Reuters	322
RTZ	503
Rowntree	843
Royal Ins	513
Saatchi	957
Sainsbury (J)	561
Scot Newell	294
Sears	3,200
Sedgwick Gp	1,000
Shell	1,500
Smith & Nephew	1,700
STC	1,700
Stan Chart	938
Storehouse	2,800
Sun Alliance	1,800
Tarmac	404
TSB P/P	6,900
Tesco	980
Thorn EMI	1,000
Trafalgar House	400
Trusthouse Forte	1,700
Unilever	178
Utd Biscuits	1,800
Wellcome	4,300
Whitbread 'A'	2,000
Woolworth	1,900

DY Davies buys two specialists

By Alexandra Jackson

DY Davies, the architectural practice which came to the Unlisted Securities Market in April, 1986, accompanied the announcement yesterday of its first set of results as a public company with details of two strategic acquisitions.

They are Venning Hope & Taylor Smith, the quantity surveyors, and Jackson, Greenen, Down & Partners, a chartered architects practice.

They are said to fit in with the DY Davies management's declared intention of expanding by buying other architectural practices and associated specialist services.

DY Davies yesterday reported results for the six months to the end of last October of £440,000 compared with £349,000 for the comparable period in the previous year.

Mr David Davies, chairman of the group, said that the company's higher profile after its flotation on the Stock Exchange has led to the winning of a increasing number of prestigious and high value commissions.

The most notable of these is to work in association with American architects on the second phase of the multi-million pound office development, London Bridge City, on the south bank of the Thames.

Financing deal should further Wickes' full listing ambitions

By Ray Heath

The ambitions of Mr Henry Sweetbaum, chairman of the Wickes do-it-yourself stores group, include continuing its rapid expansion in Britain and taking the company from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing.

This week the company announced a financing deal that could help him do both. It is a variation on the theme of sale and lease-back, but one that will allow Wickes to benefit from any rise in property prices, and at the same time keep its balance sheet clean.

The multi-tracked vehicle to be used has been designed by SG Warburg, the merchant bank, and backed by a syndicate of international banks, which are funding a new joint company, Berners Street Properties.

It is a high fashion deal of the type that is gaining increasing acceptance among retailers who want to be in retailing, not property.

It mirrors the £70 million refinancing deal arranged for The Burton Group by ANZ Merchant Bank in October. The main difference, emphasized by Mr Sweetbaum and Warburg, is that Burton was reducing debt; Wickes is arranging funds for expansion.

The Warburg-led group is putting an unsecured £30 million into Berners for eight years, with subordinated loans of about £15 million.

Berners will buy properties, which Wickes will lease for its do-it-yourself centres. The properties will either be new additions to the 24-strong chain, or come from the company's own portfolio. After eight years, 98 per cent of the value of the properties reverts to Wickes.

By helping Wickes to expand without adding debt to its balance sheet, the arrangement could help the company's promotion to a full listing when the time comes.

It could also help Mr Sweetbaum to finance the takeover some observers are sure he will make. Last year, he is believed to have taken a close look at Texas Homecare and Payless, but decided to leave the field clear for Ladbroke and Ward White.

In that sort of league, £45 million does not go far, but Wickes now has the opportunity to obtain an instant cash "rebate" by selling properties that come with any acquisition on to Berners and leasing them back.

The deal will not necessarily expire after eight years. The amount of funds available to Berners could be expanded to match Wickes' needs, and the finance rolled over as it matures.

Yesterday's announcement reflects a faith in Wickes and the do-it-yourself market by bankers, which they would have been unlikely to have shown a year ago at the time of the company's far from auspicious launch on the USM.

The underwriters were left with 56 per cent of the 4,950,000 shares offered at 140p each, and there was much muttering about overcrowding in the sector. Now the mood among analysts of the sector is upbeat.

Last year's pessimism reflected short-term problems, mainly bad weather. In the last six months the buoyancy has returned.

Building on DIY: Henry Sweetbaum, chairman of Wickes

COMPANY NEWS

● RADAMEC GROUP: The company has exchanged contracts for the purchase for £1 million of the premises it leases at Chertsey, Surrey. Completion is expected within two weeks.

● PERRYS ESTATE AGENCIES: Three new offices are under negotiation following the acquisition of its 11th office, in Wellington Street, Luton, Bedfordshire.

● UEI: Laser Applications, a small subsidiary based in Hull, Humberside, has been sold to Coherent of California.

● GOLDSMITHS GROUP: The company has conditionally agreed to acquire from Mappin and Webb jewellery businesses at 49 Kirkgate, Bradford, West Yorkshire; 32 Eastgate Row, Chester, Cheshire, and 50 Union Street Aberdeen, Grampian, for a total of £1,400,000.

● TOPS ESTATES: Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of the freehold town centre shops at Town Square, Basildon, Essex, for £17 million cash, with passing rents of £1,250,000.

● COWAN DE GROOT: For the half year to October 31 an interim dividend of 1.25p (same) will be paid on April 1. With figures in £000: turnover 21,258 (16,378), pretax profit 875 (773), tax 230 (211), extraordinary debit 115 (117 credit), earnings per share (weighted average) 2.9p (3.6p).

● WARNER ESTATE HOLDINGS: For the year to September 30 a final dividend of 15p will be paid on March 26 making a total of 22.5p (18p). Turnover totalled £11,017,791 (£10,435,961) comprising property investment £4,569,388 (£3,799,456), property trading £31,000 (£80,000) builders' merchanting and specialised contracting £6,417,403 (£10,435,961). Operating profit £3,243,281 (£2,790,286) share of profits of associated companies £34,475 (£9,224 loss), investment income and other interest receivable £794,751 (£858,061), interest £187,211 (£166,006), pretax profit £3,885,296 (£3,473,117), tax £1,241,565 (£1,227,057). Earnings per share 26.50p (22.29p), net asset value 1127p (932p).

● HIGGS AND HILL: Outline planning consent for residential development has been granted for the 40-acre site at Maldon Wick owned by the Southend Estates Group (SEG). The convertible unsecured Higgs and Hill loan notes which formed the deferred consideration for SEG are now eligible for conversion at the rate of 1,379 ordinary Higgs shares per £1 nominal. A total of 617,028 new ordinary shares will be issued under the deferred consideration.

● PORTMAN MINING/BELTECH CORPORATION: Portman has been notified by solicitors for Beltech that some inaccurancies were contained in a statement sent to Portman shareholders in relation to its takeover offer. In the letter Beltech disclosed that its schedule of trading in Portman shares, prior to its offer to buy 25 per cent of Portman shares not already owned by them, as shown in the part statement, was false in material particulars, Portman says. Acting on an application by Portman, the supreme court of South Australia, on 19/12/86, restrained Beltech from voting or disposing of its Portman shares. The directors of Portman have rejected the offer by Beltech which they say was inadequate and less than the valuation of Aus69c (30p) per share.

● SENIOR ENGINEERING GROUP: The company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Senior Engineering (thermal), has bought Wallsend for £40,000

● CHESSMINSTER GROUP: Arrangments have been made for the sale of 5,945,000 common shares at 20p each. Proceeds will be £1,198,000 of which part will be used to pay for the construction of the company's cement bonded particle board plant at Ystrad Mynach in South Wales and partly for general corporate purposes.

● SANTOS: The comapny announced yesterday it plans to raise $72m by a 1-for-10 rights issue of 24m shares at Aus$3 (£1.30) each.

● AMBROSE INVESTMENT TRUST: At the close of business on January 30 the approx asset value of each capital share was £556.90p (previous month £505.12p).

● PHOENIX PROPERTIES & FINANCE: The board meeting, scheduled for yesterday, to consider the final results has been put back to February 10.

● GODFREY DAVIS: Thecompany has acquired the Church Farm Close park home residential estate at Dibden, near Southampton, for £460,000.

● FLEDGELING JAPAN INVESTMENT COMPANY: Net asset value per share at January 29 was Yen185 (79p).

● DPCE HOLDINGS: The company has agreed to acquire the eastern seaboard customer base of Global-Ultimac Systems Inc., a company supplying and supporting IBM compatible processors and peripherals. DPCE will take over existing maintenance contracts and necessary computer equipment for Global's customers between Massachusetts and Washington DC. The deal does not include the equipment sales side of Global-USI. The takeover will be effective from the beginning of February and will cost US$1.05m (£6.95m) cash of which $450,000 is payable in respect of computer equipment. At the end of December, DPCE announced it was taking over Systec Inc, another American independent computer maintenance company. The combined revenues of DPCE and Systec for the year ending June 30 1986 were about US$7m. Global-USI maintenance contracts acquired by DPCE are generating revenues of US$160,000 per month.

BURNS-ANDERSON: Acceptances have been received by Dudley in respect of 12,627,679 ordinary shares in the company (61.22 per cent). Accordingly, Dudley holds or has agreed to acquire or has acceptances in respect of an aggregate of 16,021,299 ordinary shares (77.68 per cent). Regentcrest (40.6 per cent of whose share capital is owned by Dudley) holds 1,956,000 ordinary shares in Burns (9.49 per cent).

Clyde increases stake in Goal

By Carol Ferguson

Clyde Petroleum, the independent oil exploration and production company, has increased its stake in Goal Petroleum by 9.4 per cent, fuelling speculation that it may bid for the whole company.

This purchase comes on top of its acquisiton, last month, of Premier Consolidated Oilfields' 11 per cent holding and takes Clyde's shareholding in Goal up to 15.87 million shares, 21.7 per cent.

Mr Paul Zatz, a director and secretary of Clyde, said the company regarded a merger as inevitable though it could take several years. "It takes two to make a marriage, and we have not had an opportunity to sit round the table with Goal," he said.

Mr David Boyd, managing director of Goal, said that this purchase was out of line with Clyde's earlier statements that no sudden takeover was imminent and if there was any threat to the independence of the company, he was against it.

"I don't see any synergy," he said. "Our three big assets (oilfields Buchan, Balmoral and Wytch Farm) are the same, and a merger would simply increase the risks in greater scale. I can see there would be synergy from larger size, but there is no diversification of risk."

Clyde bought the 6.9 million shares from British & Commonwealth Holdings. Electra Investment Trust originally owned 3.45 million of them. In a related transaction, B & C purchased these shares from Electra for 58p cash and agreed to sell them on to Clyde together with B & C's own 3.45 million holding, in exchange for 6.45 million new Clyde shares.

On the basis of 58p per Goal share, this represents 62p per Clyde share. On the announcement of the deal, the Goal share price shot up 10p to 68p, while the Clyde share price rose 1½p to 65½p.

Goal has three other principal shareholders. Norwich Union owns 27.2 per cent, the Prudential Corporation has 8 per cent and 3i has 4.8 per cent.

Clyde has also agreed to buy B & C's oil and gas subsidiary, Bricomin Exploration for a 7 million further shares. On completion of these transactions, B & C will own about 11 per cent of Clyde, and a senior executive of B & C, Mr Campbell Allan will join the board of Clyde.

Bricomin's main asset is a 1.85 per cent interest in the Rijn oilfield offshore of the Netherlands.

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Peachey outlines its plans

By Alison Eadie

Peachey Property Corporation yesterday announced it had made £32 million worth of acquisitions for cash and £10 million of disposals since the end of June.

The company has bought three retail warehouses: one in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, for £2.5 million, one in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, for £1.8 million and one in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire for £1.2 million.

Other developments include the purchase of a freehold warehouse in Willesden, North London, for £1.7 million, a freehold shop in Stockport, Greater Manchester, for £300,000 and plans for a 120,000 square foot retail development next to the M27 at Junction 7, Southampton, Hampshire.

Peachey has also won an informal tender to purchase a long, 145-year leasehold interest at 14/18 Eastcheap, London, for £12.1 million. The completed development is expected to have a value of more than £25 million.

The company is constructing a 9,000 sq ft office building in Cannon Street, London, due for completion in February, 1988, which should have a finished value of £7 million. Finally a portfolio of eight properties has been bought from Trident Assurance for £8.5 million.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

New round or Craven

in Craven — the man who iterday became non-executive chairman of Tootal, the tile group, following the irement of Alan Wagstaff, boasts an impressive City figree. A former vice-chairm of Warburg's, the mercnt bank, and one time chief ecutive of the non-Americ side of Credit Suisse First Bon, his current full time jt is as chairman and co-oer of a little known but hly influential investment bking group, Phoenix Sritics. "We specialise in thfinancial services arena," hells me, "advising on mers, acquisitions and buyot." During the Big Bang trition period Phoenix advit on both the sale and acisition of more than 20 stbroking and jobbing fir. Craven, aged 46, who stad Phoenix five years ago refs to name any of his clis. "We never advertise" he is. But it is known that he wabrought in to advise Ac: Life on the sale of MIM to itannia Arrow and the gia Swedish bank P K Baen on its acquisition of Engh Trust.

"Aprently they said Yes on too my application forms"

Kims ruffled

Dixc chief Stanley Kalms will ibreaking a 39-year-old habiater this year when he mov his office from his nativEdgware in Middlesex to theart of London's West End. ilms, aged 55, who is in the pcess of buying a new and pre prestigious office blockear Berkeley Square, tells :"It will be the first time iave ever lived more than o miles away from the office. Edgware was the site of hifather's lone photographi shop, where Kalms first sted work at just 16

● A Cy bullion dealer anxious tenprove his company's image eided a slogan would help. 'le staff were asked for sugesons. Among those put forarwas: "Ingot we trust".

Spurred on

Shasn Tottenham Hotspur, thenl publicly-quoted footbalclub, jumped 5p to 70p yerdiy after their 5-0 win ov West Ham. The victory knks West Ham out of the Litwoods Cup and means tha Tottenham are now thrgh to Sunday's semifingainst Arsenal. "It's all godfor revenue," says one stomarket fan.

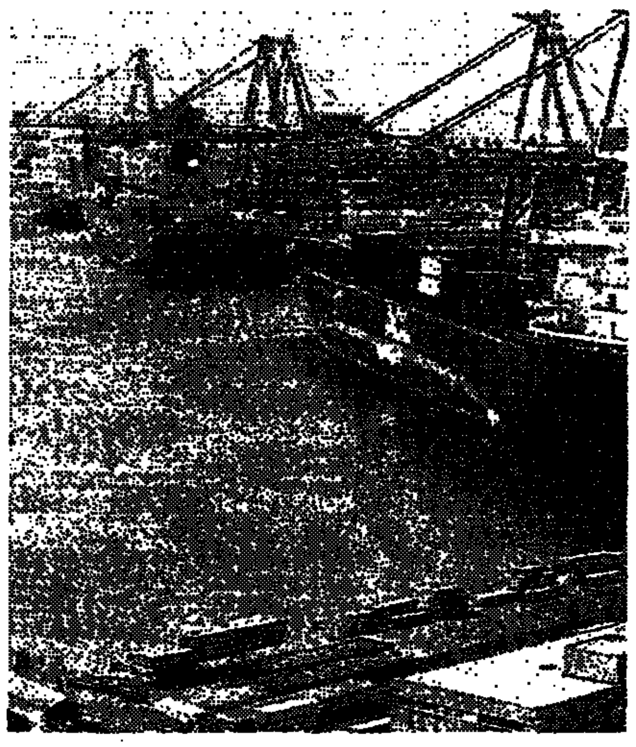
● Nther wild horses nor a fireill drag stockbrokers awafrom their brandies and ciga after lunch. Yesterday in t J Lyons restaurant in Thrmorton Street — known amo dealers as the Long Roo — the fire alarm rang at leastx times between 2pm and m but not a single diner budg. Fortunately there was no fi — the false alarm was caused by electricians re-wiring thsystem.

Plis fores

The arage golfer rarely hits a *helicoer off* the tee, but then Brnd Hunt is not an average golfer. He said the helicoer was in his line. Hunt involved in Golf Plus, a novcredit card scheme for glf lubs, members, club caterei and shop pros. Annual bscriptions in themseves re a painful experience and ub golfers spend an avrag of £850 a year, on and ofthecourse, in pursuit of the stnll ball. Plastic failed in Scalal when Carrick Finace ried it but that probabl sas more about Scottish attuds to paying interest tha aout the scheme's merits. Sie months ago Stewart Marhll, a director of Securiy Pcific Finance, spotted a "firsle" notice in a pink pape nd guessed that the box numb would lead to Carrick. It dind now the seventh larges hank in America, throu Golf Financial Services, engaged in the prickly busins of breaking down the royal nd ancient prejudices of secretaries and their commtees against anything tha shells new. Gold Plus cost ours nothing and could wot wonders for their cash flo. Individual members pay £5 year and after six weeks, intest at the usual usurious cret card rates. Like the helopat, Gold Plus may be slo to move but it could be a hit.

Carol Leonard

Growing trade with our partners in Europe



Loading up: Britain's trade with Europe is steadily rising

Half of Britain's overseas trade last year was with the European *Community* — for the first time — and there is no sign of a break in the upward trend of trade between Britain and the EEC.

In 1986, 51.7 per cent of Britain's imports were from the other 11 members of the EEC, while 48 per cent of British exports *went to the* Community.

Export and import trade with the EEC together totalled £79.8 billion, exactly 50 per cent of Britain's total trade of £159.6 billion.

It is a far cry from the days, 20 years ago, when less than 20 per cent of Britain's trade was with the original six members of the EEC, and when business with the current members — West Germany, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Ireland, Greece, Spain and Portugal — accounted for less than 30 per cent of total trade.

There are several reasons why the European Community has taken on the central role in Britain's overseas trade.

The first and most obvious is the fact that the EEC is a common market and customs union. Internal barriers to trade may still exist but trade within the Community is considerably freer than trade with the rest of the world.

The expansion of Britain's trade with the other member states is strong supporting evidence for those who argue that a general reduction in *tariffs and other barriers to* trade around the world would lead to an overall increase in trade.

The removal of tariffs does not lead to sudden shifts in trade patterns. In any case, when Britain entered the EEC in 1973, tariffs were only gradually adjusted over a period of years.

The same appears to be true for the enlarged Community, after the accession of Spain and Portugal at the beginning of last year. Trade with Spain and Portugal has increased but not at a noticeably greater *pace than in recent* years. However, over the longer term, the Iberian countries can be expected to become more important trading partners, both for Britain and the other existing EEC members.

A second reason for the increased concentration of trade between Britain and the EEC has been the changing composition of Britain's overseas trade. The traditional picture — importing food, fuel and raw materials and converting them into finished exports of manufactures — has not fitted the facts for a number of years.

Manufactured goods are still the lifeblood of Britain's foreign trade; last year they accounted for £54.6 billion of an export total of £73.1 billion, equivalent to just under 75 per cent.

But manufacturers also take up the lion's share of imports. Last year, £63.1 billion was spent buying manufactured goods from abroad, 73 per cent of total imports of £86.5 billion.

Twenty years ago, still reflecting the legacy of Empire and Commonwealth links, manufactures represented only 44 per cent of the goods coming into Britain, while 84 per cent of exports were manufactures.

British consumers have become increasingly receptive to imported goods, while the trend towards large EEC-based multinational manufac*turing companies, producing* in different parts of the Community, has boosted trade in manufactures.

A third reason, related to the changed composition of trade, has been North Sea oil. Secure and accessible oil supplies in the North Sea have been a boon, not just for Britain but for the rest of Europe. Last year's slight slip in the proportion of exports going to the EEC — from 48.8 to 48 per cent — was entirely due to the fall in crude oil prices.

The trend towards a greater share of trade with the EEC *looks likely to continue. By* the end of the century, at the rate of increase of the 14 years since Britain joined the EEC, 75 per cent of trade could be with the Community.

Good though it is to have solid trade links with a stable bloc of countries, there are one or two problems about Britain's trading relationship with her EEC partners.

The first is the fact that there is a substantial trade imbalance between Britain and the EEC. Last year, Britain was in deficit with the EEC to the tune of £9.6 billion, admittedly a figure boosted by *the oil price fall. In 1985 the* deficit with the present EEC members was £3.2 billion, after a £4.3 billion deficit in 1984.

The Government, perhaps recognizing that this visible trade gap is not going to disappear overnight, has been stepping up efforts to free the EEC internal market for trade in services, in many areas of which Britain has a comparative advantage over the other EEC members, for example in financial services.

But despite this, Britain runs a deficit on invisibles with the EEC. The latest *breakdown is for 1985, before* the entry of Spain and Portugal. They show a £2.1 billion invisibles deficit with the EEC in that year, after a run of small surpluses in the 1981-84 period.

The other change, mainly accidental but partly intentional, has been sterling's sharp fall against the EEC currencies. This should help to reduce the trade imbalance with the EEC in the wake of the oil price fall.

Sterling's sharp fall against the mark and other European currencies, has produced a fall in the sterling index — the measure of the pound's average value against the currencies of our trading partners.

In July 1985, the pound was quoted at DM4.01 and 83.3 on the sterling index. Yesterday, the rates were DM2.74 and 68.4, falls of 32 per cent and 18 per cent respectively. The sterling index is based on 1980 trade shares, since which time Britain's trade with the EEC has increased. The fall in the sterling index probably understates the true fall in sterling's average value.

Finally, there is the danger that in tying herself ever closer to the EEC in trading terms, Britain is also locked into a slow growing economic grouping.

The EEC may be a safe market but with growth apparently stuck at an annual average rate of just 2 to 2.5 per cent, it is far from the most dynamic economic area in the world.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

TRADE WITH EUROPE

(percentage of goods traded)

	Imports	Exports	Total
UK trade with the EEC Nine			
1967	26.5	26.6	26.5
1972	31.6	30.1	30.9
1977	38.8	36.3	38.1
1981	42.1	40.9	41.9
1985	45.9	46.2	46.1
UK trade with the EEC Twelve			
1967	28.7	30.0	28.9
1972	34.1	33.0	33.5
1977	40.9	39.4	40.2
1981	44.6	43.6	44.1
1985	48.8	48.8	48.8
1986	51.7	48.0	50.0

Source : Overseas Trade Statistics

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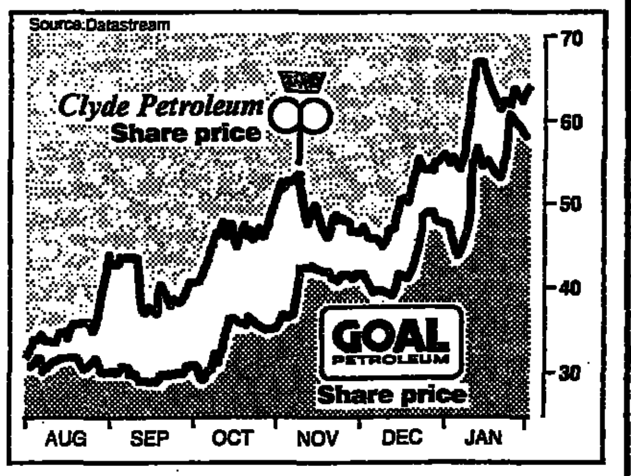
Clyde set for long wait before achieving Goal



Mergers are all about people, a maxim which may be more true of the fiercely independent oil companies than of many other sections of industry.

*The jealously guarded in*dependence of the individuals running the smaller oil companies is most often cited as the reason why the expected shakeout of the sector has not occurred, despite evidence that many are in severe financial straits.

Hostile mergers are just not on in this sector. It is bad enough having to sell out to a large company. But somehow, serious loss of face is involved if a company looks like falling victim to a competitor, one which may have started out at about the same time, or may not be much bigger.

The last thing any of these small companies wants is to join up with another like itself, and what could be more like Goal Petroleum than Clyde? They have three oilfields in common, Wytch Farm, Balmoral and Buchan, and there would be *significant* cost savings if the two could be run as one.

It is hardly surprising that the threatened Goal management does not quite see things this way. It believes that two independent companies generate more wealth and activity and that a merger of two such similar companies simply concentrates the risks.

Clyde says its holding in Goal is strategic but its strategy must be to seek a full merger in the shortest possible time. This would create a £130 million company. There is no other reason for owning these shares.

It takes two to make a marriage and in this case, the engagement period could be protracted. Unless, that is, Clyde is prepared to drag the unwilling bride to the altar by force, *something it appears* not to want to do in the short term.

Unitech

The words "semiconductor distribution" run a chill down the spines of the elec*tronic* component distributors. Gone are the days before the 1985 slump when it was a feather in one's cap to be active in this market.

In the last 18 months, semiconductor distribution has fallen from about 25 per cent to under 15 per cent of Unitech's business. Margins remain under pressure and profits are still falling.

Systems distribution has fared well, making up much of the shortfall. The success is attributable to Rapid Recall, the British operation. Its relationship with Digital Equipment Corporation has enabled it to benefit from Big Bang-related activity in the *City of London.*

Although this may not be sustainable long term, the emphasis placed on quality of product and value-added services should position the division well for the future.

The remaining German systems operation has been closed and the costs taken below the line. Unitech retains an interest in the German systems market through its 22 per cent shareholding in the French company, Metrologie.

Unitech plans to expand its manufacturing activities within Europe. They had a good half year.

Further streamlining of the group is likely through a programme of disposals and closures.

For the year as a whole, Robert Millington, investment analyst at Barclay de Zoete, who has recently published a major review of the principle electrocomponent distribution companies, has upgraded his forecast for 1986/87 from £12.5 million to £13 million. He is considering increasing his £15 million forecast for 1987/88 by around a million.

The shares have been strong performers of late and are reasonably valued. However, increasing confidence in the recovery already underway should lead to continued interest in the shares.

British Airways

After a couple of false starts, British Airways is at last on the runway and all set for what is looking like a highly successful launch. The offer for sale closes at 10am on Friday, so, given the vagaries of the post, today is the day to send off applications.

The delays, first over the uncertain outcome of the *Laker litigation and then due* to inter governmental airline politics, were deeply frustrating to the BA board. But they have enabled the Government to offer shares in a stronger and fitter company.

BA's record over the past five years now stands *comparison with the best of* its quoted international rivals. Even after adjusting for some specially favourable factors, BA's return on capital over the period are substantially greater than those of Delta Airlines, widely regarded as one of the most successful and best managed in the US.

The modest earnings multiple and high dividend yield amply allow for both the uncertainties of the business and BA's sharply rising tax charge. Barring unforseen disasters between now and February 11 when dealings commence, the biggest uncertainty is the size of the premium to which the shares will go over the 65p part-paid offer price. In this respect, the booming stock markets have been a splendid bonus.

It now looks as though a 20p premium in early dealings is possible. And there are those who feel that if international comparisons are valid, the shares could settle at around 170p compared with the 125p offer price.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

This is not the way to run a railway

If Eurotunnel turns out to be as expert in construction as it is in shooting itself in the foot, the fixed link will prosper. Unfortunately a deliberate stirring of personality clashes within the consortium board has the elements of British farce. Lord Pennock, we are told, is the British joint chairman and remains the British joint chairman. *Similarly* there has been no change in Sir Nigel Broackes' position as a non-executive director. But no change in this case means no answers.

There appear to be concerns, particularly within the Bank of England, that the British side of the consortium will be a liability in the run up to the crucial *summer £750 million equity fund*-raising. The seeds of doubt were sewn, and took root, at the time of last year's private share placing when the British had far more trouble than the French in meeting targets. The Bank flexed its muscles then, both in getting to work on reluctant institutions and bringing in Sir Nigel; it has no intention in risking its credibility by letting the public share offer run into trouble.

Part of the necessary strengthening at the British end is seen as replacing Lord Pennock — who to his credit would be willing to step down in favour of a suitable candidate. In a public relations battle, which the share sale may well degenerate into, Eurotunnel needs a charismatic and effective spokesman to argue to the case. This suggests that a change should be made quickly.

Since October, Eurotunnel has been lulled into a false sense of security by the presence of Sir Nigel as an heir apparent. Everyone assumed the switch *would take place; it was just a matter of* timing. Over the past weeks, however, this air of security, or complacency, has thinned. Now we have a clash painfully timed to coincide with a £10 million advertising campaign to restore public confidence in the project.

Sir Nigel is not going to sit on the Eurotunnel board as a decorative fixture. As a fervent believer in a fixed-link he will stay if he can make a contribution — on his own terms. He has not resigned so far but that is not the same as having taken a decision not to resign. Though he may have the support of the Bank of England, he does not after all appear to be quite so suitable for Lord Pennock's job because: a) the consortium has spent the past six months removing most of the contractors from the main board; b) Trafalgar House is unlikely to agree to Sir Nigel's taking on a time-consuming position elsewhere without greater involvement for Trafalgar House — which in any event has unusual problems of its own; c) the five British consortium members do not want Trafalgar House in the fold; d) and anyway, Eurotunnel needs a fairly full-time joint chairman, certainly for the next year.

If Sir Nigel is not chairman elect, the consortium must quickly start trawling the City and British industry for someone suitable — who happens to be available almost immediately. The alternative, favoured by the Eurotunnel contractors, let is to let Lord Pennock see Equity III through, perhaps with a higher profile for a number of other British board members.

In the first case the chances of finding the perfect candidate are minimal. In the second, there will be unsettling speculation throughout the run-up to the fund-raising. A Catch-22 situation.

On balance, with the Bank's help, the *search should be on to find a face that* fits. Sir Nigel and Trafalgar House might then take comfort in a fair share of the chunnel business that must be put out to tender.

Glazed eyes at Cadbury

The *board of Cadbury Schweppes* too must now be wondering about the nature of the rewards that supposedly come to those who follow the stony path of virtue, taking a long-term view of their company at the expense of quick and easy profits. Antony Pilkington and his colleagues *were feeling the same way until* BTR bowed to the hostile blasts against its bid for the glassmaking group.

For Pilkington, there was a price to be paid for painful rationaliztion and a commitment to heavy research and development at a time when profits were under extreme pressure, namely corporate vulnerability to a predator. In the last week, Cadbury Schweppes has found itself in a similar situation.

The misleadingly named US group General Cinema now sits on an 8.3 per cent stake. Its statements of intent are the ambiguous words of a dealer who can well afford to bide his time. General Cinema may, it says, raise its stake to 25 per cent but will not bid within 12 months, "barring any material change in circumstances."

There is little doubt that Cadbury is "in play" because it decided to tackle head-on the strategic and tactical problems of its North American operations. As Cadbury has often admitted, it was *never likely to be able to muster the* clout to compete head-on in bar-wars with Mars and Hershey. But rather than bumble along picking up the crumbs it opted for restructuring.

One in five of senior *US* executives' posts disappeared, seven profit centres have been reorganized into two and more than a third of its manufacturing sites were closed, all under a new chief executive. At home in Britain corresponding changes were taking the group out of beverages and food, wine and *health and hygiene products.*

Strategic decisions were made to move heavily into high growth businesses like soft drinks. Hence the purchase of Canada Dry, the 30 per cent stake in Dr Pepper and the bottling joint venture in Britain with the mighty Coca-Cola.

Heightened by substantial adverse currency factors, Cadbury's 1985 profit-and-loss account showed the scars of the damage done by misfortunes in the US and allowed General Cinema to build its shareholding while British institutions were trimming their holdings.

The 1986 profits due early next *month will show that the group has* recouped all of the £27 million profits fall of 1985 and a little more besides. And the outlook for 1987 suggests that Cadbury is going to make itself an expensive mouthful for General Cinema or indeed any other predator.

According to the company stock*broker, Hoare Govett, profits of £162* million are achievable this year and £190 million or more in 1988. As in the case of Pilkington, virtue will bring its own rewards in due course.

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Japan Fund	129.1	137.5	+1.8	0.01
Pacific Trust	207.6	221.1	+2.7	0.81
Amer Spcl Sits	71.9	76.6	+0.4	1.45
Secs Of Amer Tst	217.8	231.9	+1.0	0.53
Ald Asset Value	256.0	271.4	+2.1	3.13
Conv & Gilt Trust	36.1	38.0	+0.2	6.45
Smaller Co's	141.2	149.7●	+0.9	2.88
2nd Smaller Co s	181.2	192.1	+1.1	2.09
Recovery Trust	92.4	97.9	+0.8	1.91
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd				
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	483.3	503.7	..	0.64
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4●	..	0.20
UK Ex (31)	253.7	269.0	..	1.35
P sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	..	..
P sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	172.1	183.1	+3.5	0.00
BG Energy	176.8	188.1	+1.4	1.78
BG Income Grwth	225.1	239.5	-0.2	4.81
BG Japan	205.0	218.1	+3.6	0.00
BG Technology	178.3	189.7	+2.2	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 6801				
American	51.3	54.6●	+0.6	1.93
Australian	22.0	23.5	+0.3	1.74
Japan & General	123.0	130.9	-0.2	0.06
High Income	49.0	52.2	+0.1	5.77
International Trust	91.6	97.5	+0.6	0.83
Income Gth Tst	54.3	57.8●	+0.8	3.50

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	92.2	98.1	-0.4	0.51
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	317.7	336.2	..	2.84
Income	365.2	389.5	..	4.36
Far East	244.6	258.8	..	0.24
North American	161.1	170.5	..	0.54
Global	53.8	56.9	..	0.80
European	56.9	60.2	..	1.24
Japan	62.2	65.8	..	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	394.8	420.1	+1.5	1.68
Income	316.4	336.6	+1.7	4.63
North American	317.3	337.8	+3.6	1.10
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	92.1		..	..
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	418.9		..	4.48
Fixed Int	135.8	●	..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	57.1	60.5	.	0.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	387.76		.	5.03
Accum	£11 393		.	.
Deposit	100.0			10.70
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	26.4	28.0	+0.3	1.90
Equity High Income	48.6	51.5	+0.6	4.00
European Growth	32.2	34.1	+0.4	2.00
General Equity	43.4	46.0	+0.7	2.30
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	29.2	30.8		9.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.9	25.2	-0.1	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	26.3	27.9	+0.3	5.00
Japan Growth	36.1	38.3	+0.4	0.90
Pedigree Gth	26.8	28.4	+0.3	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	49.7	53.2	+0.9	3.29
Do Accum	49.7	53.2	+0.9	3.29
Income Inc	49.5	53.0	+0.8	4.72
Do Accum	49.5	53.0	+0.8	4.72

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	70.0	71.1		
US Govt Bond Fd	€52.0	52.3		
Challenger	50.7	51.1		
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	53.7	57.2		
Income	61.2	65.2		
Growth	62.6	65.7		

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
139	121	Adsa	138	140	+1	3.6b	2.6	27.1
934	633	Alliance	930	935	+2	31.8	3.4	44.8
155	136	Amer Trust	148	151	+1	4.4	2.9	41.8
438	330	Ang Amer Sec	436	440	+4	8.9	2.0	69.0
472	105	Atlantic Assets	118	120	+1	0.9	0.8	90.8
150	131	Bankers	148	151	●+1	4.4b	2.9	51.7
282	240	Berry	279	283	-1	1.6	0.6	..
69½	61	Br Assets	69	69½	+¼	2.9	4.2	31.6
39½	37	Br Empire Sec	39	40	..	0.9	2.3	69.8
521	485	Br Inv	517	522	..	22.8	4.3	33.4
117	98	Brunner	116	117	+½	3.5	3.0	47.0
838	785	Contl & Ind	830	845	..	31.4	3.7	38.3
253	210	Crescent Japan	250	252	..	0.4	0.2	..
153	143	Derby Inc	142	145	●-1	13.0	9.0	15.8
180	133	Do Cap	176	180	-2	..	..	..
412	348	Drayton Cons	410	412	+1	15.4	3.7	38.1
211	185	Drayton Far East	208	211	-1	1.6	0.8	..
702	631	*Drayton Japan*	698	702	-2	1.4e	0.2	..
253	205	Dundee Lon	251	254	+1	8.6	3.4	41.5
124	107	Edin Amer Asset	121	122	+½	0.8	0.7	..
175	154½	Edinburgh	169	171	..	5.3b	3.1	50.0
478	397	Electric Gen	474	479	●-1	6.8	1.4	79.9
200	165	English Int	195	198	+1	5.5	2.8	55.0
118	98	English Scot	117	119	+2	2.0	1.7	71.5
160	68	Ensign	77	82	+1	1.3	1.6	78.4
138	117	F & C Alliance	137	139	..	2.7	2.0	72.6
242	164	F & C Pacific	240	242	-1	2.1	0.9	93.1
14¼	8½	First Charlotte	13¼	14	..	0.1	0.7	..
379	310	First Scot Amer	377	379	..	15.0	4.0	36.2
603	465	Fleming American	600	602	+1	8.2	1.4	98.5
219	159	Fleming Claver	209	213	●	8.1	3.8	40.6
370	308	Fleming Enterprise	367	372	+2	12.9	3.5	41.5
153½	103	Fleming Far East	151	153	..	1.4	0.9	..
161	127	Fleming Fledgling	159	162	+3	3.6	2.2	62.4
158½	96	Fleming Japan	157	159	..	1.0	0.6	73.8
180	138	Fleming Mercantile	173	175	..	5.5	3.2	45.0
181	134	Fleming Overseas	176	178	●+1	2.9b	1.6	87.6
176	140	Fleming Tech	173	176	●	0.9	0.5	..
398	126	Fleming Universal	167	170	●+1	2.1b	1.2	82.4
117½	82½	For Col	117	118	+½	2.4b	2.0	79.4
142	68	Gates (Frank G)	136	138	-2	5.7b	4.2	12.9
113	88	GBC Capital	112	114	+1	..	..	..
250	155	GT Japan	241	244	.	2.0	0.8	..
229	149	General Funds	227	231	+1	2.9	1.3	..
357	285	General Cons	355	359	+1	17.9b	5.0	31.3
181	126	Glasgow Stock	175	185	-1	3.3	1.8	73.5
367	107	Globe	140	141	-½	5.3	3.8	38.1
161	128	Govett Atlantic	160	162		4.3b	2.7	48.5
271½	173	Govett Oriental	259	262	-1	3.3	1.3	.

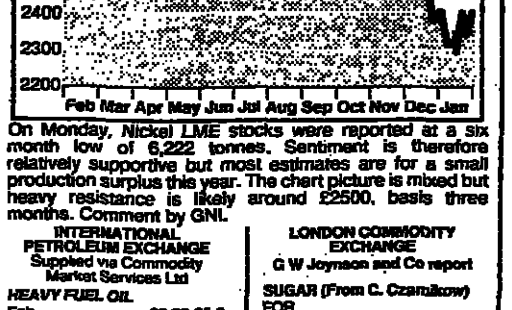
1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
303	255	Govett Strategy	295	298	+2	5.4	1.8	74.1
453	310	Greenfriar	445	452	..	2.9	0.6	..
330	215	Gresham House	320	340	..	8.4	2.5	35.5
226	178	Hambros	219	222	+1	6.4	2.9	48.8
108	104	India Fund	105	110	..	..	..	..
973	595	Invest in Success	965	980	+5	8.2	0.8	..
317	253	Inv Cap	318	317	+½	17.1b	5.4	29.6
185	137	Ivory & Sime	175	180	+2	7.1	4.0	24.4
68½	53½	Japan Assets	67	68	+½	0.7	1.0	..
120	104	Kleinwort Charter	118	120	+1	3.7	3.1	44.7
160	142	Kleinwort O 'seas	156	159	..	3.6	2.3	..
365	283	Kleinwort Smaller	360	370	..	12.0	3.3	..
284	225	Law Debenture	281	284	..	9.0	3.2	34.3
74	58	Lon Merchant Sec	70	72	●	3.7	5.2	14.4
68	55	Lon Trust	65	67	+1	1.1g	1.7	72.5
141	111	Merchants	138	140	..	6.4b	4.6	36.7
30½	21½	Merrill Lynch	28½	..	+¼	..	..	..
247	187	*Monks*	241	243	-1	3.7b	1.5	61.3
177	147	Murray Income	175	176	●-½	8.6	4.9	32.6
194	154	Murray Intl	183	186	..	7.1n	3.8	36.3
399	270	Murray Small	389	394	+1	4.1b	1.0	..
435	217½	Murray Venture	233	237	+3	7.1b	3.0	53.5
533	427	New Court	530	535		22.5	4.2	31.4
267	49	New Darien Oil	64	66		0.9e	1.4	71.4
243	179	1928	238	343	-2	5.7	2.4	46.9
67½	56	Nthrop Inc 83	68½	68	..	4.8b	7.1	19.1
271	225	New Tokyo	251	253	-2	0.3	0.1	..
395	305	Nth Atlantic Sec	392	395	+1	4.9	1.2	..
68	20	Nth Sea Assets	34	37	..	..	..	10.7
443	332	Nthn Amer	440	444	..	7.7	1.7	..
171	67	Pacific Assets	118	119	+½	1.0	0.8	..
62	26	Do Wnts	61	63	+2	..	..	..
45½	35	Personal Assets	44	45½	+½	0.5	1.1	..
476	383	Raeburn	467	472	●-3	19.3	4.1	37.8
196	157	River & Merc	194	197	..	8.6b	4.4	36.0
305	241	River Plate	302	307	+2	12.4	4.1	35.3
311	231	Robeco	311	-	+2	..	..	..
271	206	Rolinco	271	-	..	..	..	..
410	284	Romney	400	405		7.1	1.8	61.7
16¼	12½	Rorento	16¼	-	+⅛	..	..	..
433	334	Scottish	413	417	●	9.4	2.3	63.4
92	76	Scot American	89	91		2.6b	2.9	..
138	104	Scot Eastern	137	138	+½	2.9	2.1	72.0
100	81	Scot Merc A	90	93		6.4	7.0	..
608	483	Scot Mtge	605	610	.	12.6	2.1	65.6
353	280	Scot Nat	350	355		7.6	2.2	59.2
808	633	Second Alliance	802	805	+1	26.4	3.3	39.6
170	80	Secs Tst of Scotland	101	102		4.3b	4.2	37.3
97	74	Smaller Cos	96	97½	+1	2.0	2.1	67.8

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
119	110	TR Australia	115	117		3.3	2.8	
67½	59½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	66½	68	●	3.1	4.6	
224	109	TR Ind & Gen	118½	120		2.9b	2.4	
225	109	TR Natural Res	143	145	+1	5.9	4.1	
110	97	TR North America	108	110	+1	2.6b	2.4	
215	144	TR Pacific Basin	213	215		1.4	0.7	
81	45	TR Property	79	81	-1	1.9	2.4	
131½	112	TR Tech	128	130		2.6	2.0	
203	152	TR Trustees	200	203		6.1	3.0	
189	142	Temple Bar	187	189	-1	8.1b	4.3	
358	272	Throgmorton	355	358	-1	13.7	3.8	
295	269	Throg Dual	280	290				
238	180	Trans Oceanic	235	240	●+1	6.1	2.6	
173	126	Tribune	171	174	+1	4.0	2.3	
95	65	Triplevest Inc	86	87	+½	17.1	18.8	
343	247	US Debenture	340	345		9.3	2.7	
48	38	Value Inc Tst	47	48	+1	1.8b	3.8	
54	33	Viking Resources	44½	46	-½	2.9	6.4	
78	53	Westpool	69	71	●	2.3	3.3	
207	95	Witan	122	123½		2.6b	2.1	

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
45¼	38¼	American Express	45	-	●+⅛	..	..	
121	65	Argyle	114	117	-1	2.9	2.5	4.7
33	25	Boustead	28	31	+1	..	..	11.1
180	142	Britannia Arrow	156	157	-½	6.0	3.8	8.3
32½	18	Daily Mail	30½	31½	●-½	85.7	2.8	8.7
31½	17½	Do A	29½	30½	●-½	85.7	2.9	8.1
174	133	Electra	173	175		5.9	3.4	40.2
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180		4.3	2.4	9.6
313	204½	Exco	310	315	+1	6.0	1.9	19.2
118	88	Exploration	115	120	●	3.3	2.8	15.5
830	600	Framlington	828	840		12.9	1.6	21.7
133	108	Frost Gp	123	128		7.1	5.8	13.5
223	183	GT Management	213	218	-2	4.3	2.0	18.3
210	75	Goode (D & M)	182	187	-1	2.5a	1.4	28.9
18	820	Henderson Admin	18⅝	10¼	+¼	22.1	2.1	21.2
220	152	ICH	205	208	-4	12.9	6.2	9.1
479	330	MAI	468	472	+2	25.0	5.3	9.8
11¼	220	M & G	273	277		7.5	2.7	20.3
408	232	Mercantile House	358	360	-1	20.0	5.6	6.8
145	124½	Pacific Inv Tst	141	142	-½	0.5	0.4	
51	27½	Do Warrants	50	51½	+1½			
195	148	Smith New Court	155	158	+1	10.0	6.4	7.7

COMMODITIES



On Monday, Nickel LME stocks were reported at a six month low of 6,222 tonnes. Sentiment is therefore relatively supportive but most estimates are for a small production surplus this year. The chart picture is mixed but heavy resistance is likely around £2500, basis three months. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Feb	92.00-95.0
Mar	91.00-93.5
Apr	90.00-93.0
Vol	4

GAS OIL

Feb	155.00-54.00
Mar	154.25-54.00
Apr	152.50-52.25
May	150.00-49.50
Jun	149.00-48.00
Jul	151.00-49.00
Aug	155.00-45.00
Sep	155.00-45.00
Oct	155.00-45.00
Vol	3805

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	175.6-75.4
May	178.8-78.6
Aug	181.0-80.0
Oct	182.4-82.0
Dec	189.0-84.0
Mar	190.0-89.6
Vol	3125

COCOA

Mar	1319-17
May	1351-50
Jul	1384-83
Sep	1412-11
Dec	1441-40
Mar	1465-64
May	1490-86
Vol	1273

COFFEE

Mar	1600-1595
May	1620-15
Jul	1645-41
Sep	1670-65
Nov	1695-85
Mar	1740-00
Vol	616

SOYABEAN

Feb	135.0-32.0
Apr	128.8-28.2
Jun	*120.2-20.0*
Aug	116.0-15.8
Oct	118.0-17.8
Dec	120.5-19.5
Feb	124.0-20.0
Vol	80

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	877.00-878.00
Three Months	900.00-900.50
Vol	2350
Tone	Steadier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	856.00-858.00
Three Months	880.00-882.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	294.00-295.00
Three Months	296.50-297.00
Vol	1300
Tone	Easier

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	476.00-477.00
Three Months	472.00-472.50
Vol	1850
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	357.00-359.00
Three Months	366.50-368.50
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	357.00-359.00
Three Months	366.50-368.50
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	814.00-815.00
Three Months	815.00-816.00
Vol	*8800*
Tone	Steadier

NICKEL

Cash	2370-2380
Three Months	2420-2425
Vol	198
Tone	Steadier

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 3

GB: Cattle, 92.14p per kg lw (-0.41)
GB: Sheep 174.26p per kg* (+4.25)
GB: Pigs, 73.41p per kg lw (+0.51)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 2.9 %, ave. price, 91.70p(-0.68)
Sheep nos. down 2.1 %, ave. price, 173.63p(+3.65)
Pig nos. down 0.7 %, ave. price, 73.14p(+0.53)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 10.7 %, ave. price, 93.43p(+0.43)
Sheep nos. down 21.0 %, ave. price, 177.37p(+7.24)
Pig nos. up 13.3 %, ave. price, 75.12p(-0.53)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	95.0
Apr	unq.	95.5
Jun	unq.	unq.
Aug	unq.	unq.

Vol: 10

Pig Meat vol: 5

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	unq.
Apr	unq.	unq.
Jun	unq.	unq.

Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	116.00	
May	118.00	
Jul	120.55	
Sep	100.85	
Nov	103.00	
Jan	106.85	

Vol: Wheat
Barley

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	112.5	
Apr	154.5	
May	180.0	
Nov	89.0	

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	760.0-748.0	752.0
Jul 87	645.0-640.0	643.0
Oct 87	750.0-740.0	738.0
Jan 88	755.0-755.0	759.0

Vol: 237 lots Open intst: 2155
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
858.5 down 3.0 on 2/2/87

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities uncertain

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 26. Dealings end on Friday. §Contango day February 9. Settlement day February 16. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. Alpha stocks are denoted by an asterisk

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
2	ML Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
3	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
4	Goldsmiths Gp	Drapery,Stores	
5	Abbey	Building,Roads	
6	Cont Stationery	Industrials A-D	
7	Fogarty	Industrials E-K	
8	Somportex	Foods	
9	Micro Focus	Electricals	
10	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
11	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
12	Neill (J)	Industrials L-R	
13	Freemans	Drapery,Stores	
14	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
15	Brake Bros	Foods	
16	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
17	Bentalls	Drapery,Stores	
18	Cussins	Property	
19	EIS	Industrials E-K	
20	Boase Massimi	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
22	CASE	Electricals	
23	Unigroup	Industrials S-Z	
24	DPCE	Industrials A-D	
25	Matthews (Bernard)	Foods	
26	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
27	Lon & Edin Tst	Property	
28	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
29	Bullough	Industrials A-D	
30	Blue Circle	Building,Roads	
31	Stead & Simpson 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
32	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
33	Utd Leasing	Electricals	
34	Rockware	Industrials L-R	
35	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
36	Alphameric	Electricals	
37	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
38	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
39	Beatson Clarke	Industrials A-D	
40	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Empire Stores	Drapery,Stores	
42	Bradford	Property	
43	Pilkington Bros	Industrials L-R	
44	Microgen	Electricals	
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'lease take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

M	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total
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Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND

£4,000

Claims required for +40 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

86 High Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
100 94¼	Treas 10¼% 1987	100 ●		10.2	—
100 94¼	Exch 2½% 1987	99⅜ ●		2.5	—
99 95½	Exch 10½% 1987	99¼		10.5	10.868
100 94½	Fund 6½% 1985-87	99¼		6.5	9.840
101 95⅞	Treas 10% 1987	99⅞		10.0	10.804
99 93¼	Treas 3% 1987	97¼		3.1	8.259
104 94¼	Treas 12% 1987	101		11.9	10.430
99 93	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	98		7.9	9.740
104 93⅛	Exch 10½% 1988	100		10.5	10.498
102 93¼	Treas C9¾% 1988	99⅛		9.8	10.353
93 91⅛	Treas 3% 1978-88	93⅝		3.2	7.891
102 92½	Treas 9½% 1988	98½		9.6	10.420
107 95½	Treas 11½% 1989	102 ●		11.3	10.336
105 93¼	Treas 10½% 1989	100¼		10.5	10.346
104 92½	Exch 10% 1989	99⅛ ●		10.1	10.372
111 95½	Exch 10¼% 1989	101		10.1	9.797
101 96	Exch 11% 1989	101¼		10.9	10.386
93 87¼	Treas 5% 1986-89	90⅝		5.5	9.059
103 94⅛	Treas C9¾% 1989	98¼		9.7	10.390
92 85	Treas 3% 1989	89⅛		3.3	7.932
114 97⅞	Treas 13% 1990	106½		12.2	10.509
108 95	Exch 11% 1990	101¼ ●		10.8	8.072
113 90	Exch 12½% 1990	105½		11.8	10.307
89 81	Treas 3% 1990	85¼		3.5	10.360
100 86⅛	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	95½		8.8	8.231
106 94	Treas 10% 1990	99⅞		10.1	9.789
86 79	Exch 2½% 1990	82		3.0	10.345
111 95¼	Treas C 10% 1991	100½		9.9	10.328
112 95⅛	Treas 11¾% 1991	104⅝		11.3	9.184
94 86	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	88⅝		6.5	9.852
110 97½	Exch 11% 1991	102½		10.7	10.298
81 78½	Treas 3% 1991	81¼		3.7	8.274
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
99½	Treas 12¼% 1992	109⅝		11.7	10.277
92½	Treas 10% 1992	99 ●		10.1	10.254
92¼	Treas C10¼% 1992	100⅝		10.4	10.283
60½	Exch 12¼% 1992	107⅛ ●		11.4	10.344
103⅛	Exch 13½% 1992	112⅛		12.0	10.392
92⅛	Treas 10% 1993	99⅝		10.1	10.288
98½	Treas 12½% 1993	110		11.4	10.335
81¼	Fund 6% 1993	84¼		7.1	9.099
105⅛	Treas 13¾% 1993	116		11.9	10.401
104½	Treas 14½% 1994	120½ ●		12.0	10.323
103	Exch 12½% 1994	110⅝ ●		11.3	10.415
106⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	115⅝		11.7	10.443
86½	Treas 9% 1994	93½		9.6	10.177
98	Treas 12% 1995	108⅝		11.1	10.404

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	283	Nat Aust Bk	238	242	●+3			
594	436½	Nat West*	571	576	-1	27.6	4.8	5.0
126	79	Ottoman	128	..		8.0b	4.8	9.9
394	258	Provident	312	315	+1	14.6b	5.9	31.0
232	220	RBA Gp	225	230		2.9	1.3	37.0
154½	102	Rothschild (J) Hld	152½	153	-¼	7.6	5.0	15.9
380	260	Royl Bnk Of Scot	307	310	+1	15.4	5.0	7.8
825	581	Schroders	780	790	+5	15.4	2.0	15.1
894	430	Stand Chart*	753	757	-17	46.4	6.1	9.3
102	72	TSB*	76	77	●-1	4.1	8.0	5.5
818	638	Union	760	770	-3	52.9	6.9	77.0
39¼	21	Wells Fargo	38¼		-¼			
328	225	Wintrust	298	308		7.7	2.5	14.9

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
355	281	Allied-Lyons*	342	344	●+6	14.5	4.2	15.7
840	265	Bass*	815	818	●+5	24.3	3.0	14.5
74½	22	Belhaven	69	70	r +½	1.0	1.4	35.3
145	87	Boddingtons	133	135		4.8	3.6	18.9
608	375	Brown (Matthew)	550	553	●-6	20.0b	3.6	18.2
171	57	Buckleys	155	157	-3½	4.3	2.7	38.2
180	142	Bulmer (H P)	153	157	●-2	7.7	5.0	15.9
750	410	Burtonwood Brew	688	695	●	15.4	2.2	20.0
515	405	Clark (Matthew)	463	470		12.1	2.6	16.1
234	138	Devenish (J A)	215	220	●-1	3.9	1.8	30.2
216	166	Greenall Whitley	206	210	●-1	7.9	3.8	12.6
332	185	Greene King	312	315	●-2	8.4	2.7	17.9
355	282	Guinness*	288	291	●-3	11.6	4.0	11.0
648	473	Hardys & Hansons	635	644	●	26.7	4.2	14.1
91	66	Highland Distl	75	77		3.1	4.1	14.7
147	139	Invergordon Distl	139	141	●	8.8	4.8	8.9
268	160	Irish Distl	203	208	●-1	6.0	2.9	
118	77	Marston Thompson	117	118	-½	3.3	2.8	16.8
430	353	Morland	390	405	●	10.0	2.5	16.3
268	131	SA Brewerees	225	233				
234	178	Scot & New*	210	212	●	10.3	4.9	12.8
583	350	Vaux	578	585	●+7	17.9	3.1	20.0
316	227	Whitbread 'A'*	286	288	+3	11.5	4.0	13.2
318	248	Do B	290	297	-1	11.5	3.9	13.6
287	210	Whitbread Inv	253	257	-1	11.0	4.2	34.8
432	265	Wolverhampton & D	283	287	s -3	7.0	2.5	16.1
330	185	Young 'A'	285	295	+2	11.4	3.9	20.8

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
245	109	Abbey	225	230	●+3			
268	191	Aberdeen Constr	230	235		11.6	5.0	21.5
297	215	Amec	298	298	+4	16.4	5.5	16.1
45	25	Anglo Utd	44	45	+6			
81	52	Arncliffe	79	83	+3	0.1e	0.1	12.5
269	123	Attwoods	255	258	●-2	7.1	2.8	19.7
589	328	BPB Industries*	595	598	+1	14.3	2.4	17.6
600	284	Baggeridge Brick	590	608	●-5	12.5	2.1	16.1
183	115	Barratt Devs	176	180	-3	11.6	6.5	16.7
40	22	Bailey (Ben) Constr	36	38		0.4	1.1	7.8
184	121	Bellway	175	178	+2	10.7	6.0	9.4
242	134	Berkeley Gp	222	227	●+2	3.2	1.4	24.8
81	61	Bett Bros	77	81	●	4.6	5.8	21.9
11⅞	875	Blockleys	10⅝	11⅛		38.6	3.6	16.0
727	535	Blue Circle*	685	695	+4	30.0	4.3	9.9
275	233	Breedon&Cloud Hill	248	268	●	14.6	5.7	24.5
108	73	Br Dredging	103	107	-3	4.3	4.1	19.2
20	15	Brown & Jackson	14	15½	-½			38.5
72	67	Brownlee	69	72	+1	3.8	5.4	38.0
181	80	Bryant	155	157	+1	6.1	3.9	10.8
27	7	Burnett & Hallam	12	13	-½			1.4
88	58	Calebread Robey	80	85		4.7	5.7	13.7

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HOTELS AND CATERERS

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1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
293	174	Wellcome*	281	282	+1½	3.0	1.1	34.6
50½	14½	Wellman	40	41	-½			17.5
117	52	Westland	80	83	+1			4.5
130	53	Wespnex	98	103				
116	107	Wests	105½	108½		7.9	7.4	14.8
75	36	Westwood Dawes	40	45				17.1
330	245	Whatman Reeve	325	335		3.8	1.2	23.2
124	82	Whessoe	100	104		7.9	7.7	9.1
281	217	Whitecroft	267	270	r +2	14.3b	5.3	14.7
170	116	Wilkes (James)	120	125		9.6	7.8	7.9
740	256	Williams Hldgs	657	662	-5	20.0	3.0	27.8
190	120	Wills Gp	182	187	+2	8.6	4.8	
661	434	Wolseley	647	650	●-1	16.4	2.5	15.7
98	63	Wood (Arthur)	80	84	+2	3.6	4.4	20.8
60	28	Wood (SW)	50	54	-2			18.4
93	43½	Woodhouse & Rix	71	73	-1	4.3b	6.0	11.4
138	58	Wyndham Eng	123	128		2.6	2.1	16.4
178	93	Young (H)	115	118	●	5.1	4.4	11.7

INSURANCE

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
243½	195	Abbey Life	242	243	-½	10.3	4.2	
22⅞	18⅝	Alex & Alex	17⅝	18⅛		100	5.6	
833	604	Allianz Vers	604		-49			
27⅞	24⅜	Am Gen	26⅛		-⅛	88.0	3.3	
417	325	Bradstock	412	415		10.7	2.6	16.0
925	131	Britannic	920	925	-1	44.7	4.8	
335	230	Com Union*	312	314	-2	17.4	5.6	
341	251	Equity & Law	323	327	-5	9.6	3.0	
431	255	FAI	400	420	s +10			
954	769	Gen Accident*	893	897	+1	34.3	3.9	22.2
853	757½	GRE*	828	832	-4	42.5	5.1	24.1
673	424	Heath C E	443	447	-3	35.0	7.9	8.7
394	285	Hogg Robinson	370	372	●-2	14.6	3.9	14.9
286	218	Legal & Gen	275	276	+½	12.3	4.5	35.1
220	173	London & Man	205	207	-1	9.8	4.4	29.3
563	338	Lon Utd Inv	540	547	-6	24.6	4.5	15.9
74⅝	36½	Marsh & McLen	40	40⅝	●-1½	220	5.5	
305	220	Minet	274	276	-2	11.4	4.1	13.2
348	230	PWS	313	320		11.4	3.6	15.1
371	241	Pearl	369	371	-1	13.2	3.6	8.4
989	749	Prudential*	848	853	-6	38.6	4.5	98.2
454	351	Refuge	450	454	+5	20.4	4.5	
957	762	Royal*	900	905	+1	38.6	4.3	74.0
395	300	Sedgwick Gp*	310	312	-5	17.1	5.5	14.8
498	382	Stewart Wr'son	484	487	-2	15.7	3.2	19.7
500	380	Sturge Hldgs	495	508	●-1	11.4	2.3	23.9
772	610	Sun Alliance*	705	710	-1	27.5	3.9	63.7
955	792	Sun Life	935	937	●-1	35.4	3.8	
257	120	Trade Indemnity	252	262	+2	5.3	2.1	9.4
494	394	Willis Faber	457	460	-5	12.5	2.7	21.8

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LEISURE

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
170	127	Barr & WA 'A'	135	145		10.0	7.1	11.0
200	170	Boosey & Hawkes	177	187				27.2
276	197	Brent Walker	274	277	+5	7.9	2.9	21.3
132	93	Campari	120	123	-1	1.4	1.1	32.6
223	157	Chrysalis	193	195	●-3	8.0	4.1	19.5
454	325	First Leisure	454		+6	10.7	2.4	18.5
87	49	GRA	83½	85	-1½			71.0
120	60	Hamburger Brooks	105	115				14.2
153	113	Horizon Travel	149	151	●-1	6.9	4.6	5.2
139½	108	Int Leisure	133	135	●-1	7.4	5.5	12.4
100	32	Juliana's Hldgs	42	45		1.8	4.1	17.2
208	137	Lee Intl	165	167	●	3.9	2.3	15.7
176½	143	Mecca Leisure	176	177	+3½	5.9	3.3	19.4
171	145	Medminster	166	176	+1	8.9	5.2	10.4

MINING

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

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PROPERTY

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TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
514	448	BAT*	507	509	-2	18.4	3.6	13.3
168	123	Carroll	157	162	●			
221	135	Rothmans 'B'	195	196		10.0	5.1	6.9

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data

APPOINTMENTS

New chief named at Leeds

Leeds Permanent Building Society: **Mr I Arnold Ziff** is elected president.

Tarmac Construction International: **Mr Brian Staples** becomes an executive director and **Mr Stuart Doughty** director of operations.

GD Searle: **Mr Don Gill** is made new business director, UK and Ireland.

Emess Lighting: **Mr Peter McGrath** joins the board.

JW Spear & Sons: **Mr Gerry Frith** is made sales director (UK).

Butterfield Partnership: **Mr David Bray** becomes a director.

Don Gill

Supra Automotive: **Mr David Pinder** joins the board as home sales director.

Custom Leasing: **Mr Michael Griffin** is made finance director.

Wilson Bowden Properties: **Mr Adrian Silber** joins the board as financial director.

Granyte Surface Coatings: **Mr Tony Hayward** is made a non-executive director.

Grosvenor Venture Managers: **Mr Michael Glover** joins the board and becomes a director of Grosvenor Development Capital Management.

Jardine Glanvill: **Mr Peter Syfret** joins the main board.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p)	68 -1
Cap & Regional (65p)	68
Daniels S (130p)	173 -2
Fletcher King (175p)	191
Gaynor (94p)	119 -1
Geest (125p)	213½ +5½
Glentree (16p)	55 +7
Gorden Russell (190p)	222 +7
Guthrie Corp (150p)	169
Halls Homes (95p)	119 -1
Harmony Leisure (23p)	29
Hornby (100p)	95
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	178 -3
Johnson Fry (150p)	173
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	25½ +½
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	154 +2
Logitek (65p)	86
Lon & Metro (145p)	204
MIL (144p)	159 +1
Mezzanine (150p)	77
Mayborn (102p)	115 +5
Nobo (152p)	155 +1
Northumbrian Food (60p)	86 -1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	119
Spandex (170p)	249
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	110
TSB Group (100p)	76½ -1
Virgin (140p)	139½ -1½
Ward Group (97p)	106
Wilding Office (135p)	158

RIGHTS ISSUES

Belhaven F/P	69
Freshbake F/P	140
Property Tst F/P	3
Parkdale F/P	70 -1
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10¾ Low 7
Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)	
Buying	Selling
2 mnth 10½	2 mnth 10[illegible]
3 mnth 10[illegible]	3 mnth 10⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)	
1 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	2 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
3 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	6 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]

Trade Bills (Discount %)	
1 mnth 11[illegible]	2 mnth 11⅛
3 mnth 11	6 mnth 10[illegible]

Interbank (%)
Overnight open 11 close 8

1 week 11-10¾	6 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
1 mnth 11[illegible]-11	9 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
3 mnth 11[illegible]-11	12 mth 10[illegible]-10⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)	
2 days 10½	7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10½	3 mnth 10⅝
6 mnth 10⅝	12 mth 10⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)	
1 mnth 11⅛-11	2 mnth 11⅛-11
3 mnth 11-10⅞	6 mnth 11-10⅞
9 mnth 10⅞-10½	12 mth 10⅞-10½

Sterling CDs (%)	
1 mnth 11[illegible]-10[illegible]	3 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
6 mnth 10[illegible]-10¾	12 mth 10⅝-10[illegible]

Dollar CDs (%)	
1 mnth 6.50-6.00	3 mnth 6.15-6.00
6 mnth 6.25-6.00	12 mth 6.25-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	5 15/16-6⅛	1 mnth	6¼-6⅛
3 mnth	6 5/16-6 3/16	6 mnth	6 5/16-6 3/16
Deutschmark		call	4¼-3¾
7 days	4-3⅞	1 mnth	4⅛-4
3 mnth	4⅛-4	6 mnth	4⅛-4
French Franc		call	9-8
7 days	8 11/16-8 7/16	1 mnth	8 13/16-8 9/16
3 mnth	8⅝-8⅜	6 mnth	8⅝-8⅜
Swiss Franc		call	2¼-1¼
7 days	2 11/16-2 11/16	1 mnth	3⅜-3¼
3 mnth	3½-3⅜	6 mnth	3½-3⅜
Yen		call	5-4
7 days	4½-4⅜	1 mnth	4 9/16-4 7/16
3 mnth	4½-4⅜	6 mnth	4⅛-4

BULLION

Gold:$401.00-401.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 401.00-404.00 (£262.50-265.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 96.00-97.00 (£62.75-63.50)
Platinum
$ 519.00 (£338.85)
Silver
$ 5.4800-5.5000 (£3.5850-3.6000)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 1, 197 to January 30, 1987 inclusive: 11.098 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 26	May 28	Jun 8

Call options were taken out on: 3/2/87 London Int., Ultramar, Southend Stadium, Pentland, Bestwood, Conroy Pet., Davis G. Abaco, London Secs., Nash, Burndene, Wellcome, STC, Cory H, Amstrad, Benchmark, Hanson, Cromer, Rotaprint, London Inv. Trust, Storehouse, Virgin, Newman Inds., Smith & Nephew, Squirell Horn, Worcester, Williams, Lawrence W, Eglinton, Victor Prod., 'The Times' Veneer, Radiant Metal, British Syphon Inds., World of Leather, American Business Systems, Time Products, Elswick, Jones Mining.
Puts: Southend Stadium, Lawrence W, Riley, Nu-Swift.
Puts & Calls: Guinness, Squirell Horn.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.15	89.20	89.15	89.19	1925
Jun 87	89.57	89.62	89.57	89.61	227
Sep 87	89.78	89.81	89.77	89.79	131
Dec 87	89.83	89.84	89.82	89.83	60
Mar 88	89.71	89.71	89.71	89.71	15
Jun 88	N/T	......	......	89.63	0
Previous day's total open interest 15997					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 29375			
Mar 87	93.71	93.73	93.69	93.71	2345
Jun 87	93.80	93.81	93.76	93.80	1558
Sep 87	93.79	93.7	93.76	93.77	309
Dec 87	93.68	93.69	93.65	93.68	241
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 4911			
Mar 87	99-01	99-07	98-28	99-06	3371
Jun 87	N/T	......	......	98-12	0
Sep 87	N/T	......	......	......	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 101			
Mar 87	N/T	......	......	98-56	0
Jun 87	N/T	......	......	......	0
Sep 87	N/T	......	......	......	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 18815			
Mar 87	114-21	114-26	114-16	114-22	9180
Jun 87	N/T	......	......	114-28	0
Sep 87	N/T	......	......	115-05	0
Dec 87	N/T	......	......	114-25	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 3661			
Mar 87	184.88	185.70	184.20	184.70	603
Jun 87	187.80	187.80	187.80	187.80	25

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 3	Market rates close February 3	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5265-1.5340	1.5265-1.5275	0.56-0.55prem	1.73-1.71prem
Montreal	2.0333-2.0448	2.0333-2.0362	0.57-0.47prem	1.75-1.60prem
Ams'dam	3.0845-3.0952	3.0896-3.0940	1⅛-1¼prem	4¼-4prem
Brussels	56.63-56.92	56.66-56.78	14-9prem	44-36prem
C'phgen	10.3542-10.4077	10.3542-10.3763	par-⅛dis	⅛-par prem
Dublin	1.0321-1.0382	1.0325-1.0335	24-32dis	70-91dis
Frankfurt	2.7345-2.7457	2.7416-2.7457	1½-1⅜prem	4⅜-4⅛prem
Lisbon	212.49-214.30	212.49-213.49	113-230dis	256-488dis
Madrid	194.15-194.72	194.25-194.53	21-51dis	64-104dis
Milan	1946.54-1958.26	1952.35-1958.26	2prem-1dis	3prem-1dis
Oslo	10.5710-10.6364	10.5710-10.5932	3⅞-3⅞dis	10⅞-11⅛dis
Paris	9.1222-9.1696	9.1529-9.1696	1⅝-1⅜prem	4½-4prem
St'khlm	9.8322-9.8806	9.8322-9.8493	⅛-par prem	1⅛-⅝prem
Tokyo	232.26-233.40	232.41-232.79	1¼-1⅛prem	4-3⅞prem
Vienna	19.19-19.33	19.24-19.27	9⅝-8⅝prem	27⅛-25⅜prem
Zurich	2.3073-2.3157	2.3111-2.3157	1⅜-1¼prem	4⅛-4⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.3 (day's range 68.3-68.5).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.0364-2.0440
Australia dollar	2.3000-2.3100
Bahrain dinar	0.5745-0.5785
Brazil cruzado *	25.3700-25.5200
Cyprus pound	0.7300-0.7400
Finland marka	6.8650-6.9050
Greece drachma	200.70-202.70
Hong Kong dollar	11.919-11.930
India rupee	19.70-19.90
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4205-0.4245
Malaysia dollar	3.8700-3.8900
Mexico peso	1475-1525
New Zealand dollar	2.8000-2.8200
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7170-5.7570
Singapore dollar	3.2600-3.2800
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5472-6.6952
S Africa rand (coml)	3.1400-3.1700
U A E dirham	5.5985-5.6385

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4780-1.4810
Singapore	2.1310-2.1320
Malaysia	2.5290-2.5310
Australia	0.6653-0.6658
Canada	1.3325-1.3330
Sweden	6.4375-6.4425
Norway	6.9200-6.9250
Denmark	6.7750-6.7800
West Germany	1.7865-1.7875
Switzerland	1.5080-1.5090
Netherlands	2.0155-2.0165
France	5.9625-5.9675
Japan	151.95-152.05
Italy	1273.0-1274.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.05-37.10
Hong Kong	7.7755-7.7765
Portugal	143.90-144.60
Spain	120.40-121.40
Austria	12.61-12.64

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*342)	300	53	60	70	2	3	9
	330	27	42	48	8	15	20
	360	13	20	33	27	32	38
British Gas (*68)	50	20¼	22½	—	½	½	—
	60	11	14	16¾	¼	1½	2
	70	4	7	10	4	4½	6
BP (*764)	700	75	90	—	9	15	—
	750	38	57	78	30	37	45
	800	14	35	52	62	67	75
Cons Gold (*718)	700	52	84	97	23	35	47
	750	30	54	67	55	67	77
	800	16	32	50	92	100	107
Courtaulds (*393)	300	105	112	—	1	3	—
	330	75	82	93	2	6	10
	360	50	58	67	4	9	15
	390	27	39	51	15	19	24
Com Union (*312)	280	36	44	52	2	7	11
	300	22	29	38	10	15	20
	330	9	—	—	30	—	—
Cable & Wire (*369)	325	52	—	—	3	—	—
	350	32	—	—	8½	—	—
	360	—	37	48	—	18	25
	390	12	19	—	28	33	—
GEC (*201)	180	28	37	44	2	5	7
	200	13	22	28	8	13	16
	220	4	9	15	22	24	28
Grand Met (*488)	390	102	—	—	1	—	—
	420	72	87	100	1	7	11
	460	39	58	73	9	15	22
	500	17	37	48	26	35	42
ICI (*1315)	1100	233	253	—	3	8	—
	1150	183	210	230	5	16	25
	1200	138	178	190	11	25	37
	1250	108	128	150	27	37	54
Land Sec (*345)	300	53	58	67	2	3	4
	330	30	37	46	5	8	12
	360	13	19	26	18	23	26
Marks & Spen (*191)	180	21	24	32	4	7	8
	200	7½	14	19	13	17	20
	220	3	5½	—	30	32	—
Shell Trans (*1084)	1000	97	120	138	11	23	33
	1050	58	78	100	25	37	50
	1100	30	47	68	55	65	77
Trafalgar House (*299)	260	46	56	65	2	4	7
	280	32	39	47	5	9	12
	300	18	25	33	12	18	21
TSB (*77)	70	9½	13	15½	1	2	3
	80	4	7¼	9¼	5	6½	7½
	90	1	3	—	14	14	—
Woolworth (*745)	650	115	135	145	5	9	17
	700	75	95	110	13	23	25
	750	40	55	65	35	40	45

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*492)	390	110	118	125	1	1½	4
	420	80	92	100	1	4	7
	460	45	62	75	7	16	22
	500	19	33	46	22	32	34
Boots (*270)	240	33	39	45	1½	5	9
	260	16	23	31	5	9	15
	280	6	15	19	15	21	23
BTP (*282)	260	28	35	43	2	7	10
	280	14	22	31	9	15	18
	300	5½	14	21	25	30	33
Bass (*818)	750	80	105	128	6	15	20
	800	40	67	80	17	28	40
	850	14	—	—	50	—	—
Blue Circle (*697)	650	62	78	95	8	15	22
	700	28	45	60	22	38	43
	750	10	23	37	58	65	73
De Beers (*943)	800	155	170	185	10	17	35
	850	110	130	150	15	30	50
	900	75	105	120	28	48	65
	950	60	80	110	50	70	90
Dixons (*319)	300	30	42	50	5	9	11
	330	11	24	36	20	22	28
	360	3	12	18	44	48	52
GKN (*322)	260	66	69	75	1	2	3
	280	46	49	58	1½	4	8
	300	30	36	43	5	10	16
	330	13	21	27	18	24	29
Glaxo (*1383)	1150	230	270	305	3	15	20
	1200	180	230	265	7	22	30
	1250	140	190	230	11	32	45
	1300	105	160	195	22	50	60
Hanson (*143)	120	26	—	—	1	—	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Hanson (cont)	135	13	18½	23½	3	5	6
	150	4½	10	14½	9½	12	13½
	165	1	5½	9½	22	23	24
Jaguar (*609)	500	115	130	145	1	4	7
	550	67	85	102	3	12	17
	600	33	55	67	14	27	32
Thorn EMI (*558)	460	106	120	127	1	2	3
	500	70	80	95	2	5	11
	550	30	45	57	14	25	30
	600	8	20	29	50	53	58
Tesco (*424)	390	43	58	75	3	6	12
	420	25	37	55	11	14	21
	460	6	17	27	38	47	50
THF (*206)	180	27	31	35	1	4	5
	200	11	18	23	6	10	12
	220	4½	10	13	20	22	23

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero (*586)	500	90	95	110	1	4	8
	550	42	55	68	3	17	23
	600	9	28	47	22	37	45
BAT Inds (*506)	390	122	127	—	1	1	—
	420	92	97	107	1½	3	5
	460	53	64	77	1½	9	15
	500	18	40	50	11	22	30
Barclays (*535)	460	80	87	97	1	5	10
	500	40	52	62	3	15	20
	550	9	20	32	25	40	42
Brit Telecom (*230)	200	31	37	42	½	2	3
	220	11½	22	27	1½	5½	9
	240	2½	9½	16	13	16	21
Cadbury Schwpps (*224)	200	26	32	41	1	4	8
	220	9	18	23	3½	11	15
	240	3	9	16	19	25	26
Guinness (289)	280	20	30	50	6	15	20
	300	5	22	38	15	23	28
	330	1	10½	20	42	45	47
Ladbroke (*404)	360	50	57	67	1½	4	7
	390	20	37	45	5	13	17
	420	5	19	28	22	30	35
LASMO (*186)	160	26	35	41	1	5	8
	180	9	22	30	4	13	17
	200	3	10	18	18	25	29
Midland Bank (*595)	550	55	65	77	4	13	17
	600	13	38	52	15	35	40
	650	4	16	30	60	70	72
P & O (*570)	500	75	85	95	1½	7	11
	550	29	47	55	4	16	25
	600	5	20	30	35	42	45
Racal (*218)	180	39	47	56	1	4	7
	200	20	31	37	3	9	12
	220	4½	15	23	9	16	20
RTZ (*758)	650	115	132	147	2	7	12
	700	70	94	110	2	18	25
	750	28	62	77	17	35	45
	800	5	30	47	52	72	77
Vaal Reef (*90)	80	14½	16½	21½	1	4¼	5¾
	90	4¾	11	14	5	8	9
	100	1½	5	8	12	13	14½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*247)	200	50	51	—	1½	1½	—
	220	30	34	38	3	6	10
	240	11	18	24	9	15	20
	260	3	9	14	21	27	30

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£104)	102	2 1/16	3 1/16	3½	3/32	[illegible]	1
	104	15/16	[illegible]	2 5/16	7/16	1 5/16	1¾
	106	1/32	13/16	1 5/16	[illegible]	2⅜	[illegible]
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£113)	110	[illegible]	4½	5 5/16	11/32	1 9/16	2 3/16
	112	[illegible]	3⅜	4 3/16	1	2 5/16	3 1/16
	114	[illegible]	2⅞	3¾	2	3 5/16	4 1/16
	116	7/32	1½	—	3 9/16	4¾	—
	118	3/32	1 1/16	—	5 9/16	6	—
	120	1/16	11/16	—	7 5/16	7⅝	—

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Calls May	Puts Feb	Puts Mar	Puts Apr	Puts May
FT-SE Index (*1828)	1600	245	255	—	—	1	2	—	—
	1625	220	230	—	—	1	2	—	—
	1650	195	205	218	—	1	4	6	—
	1675	172	183	195	—	2	7	9	—
	1700	147	163	173	—	3	8	17	—
	1750	103	123	135	—	8	18	27	—
	1800	65	88	103	115	23	33	42	47
	1850	30	57	72	85	42	55	63	70

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By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

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An alternative is to buy with a friend, sharing the mortgage, but many young buyers prefer to live alone, for privacy and independence. That decision costs them a lot of money, as a recent survey by Winkworth, London's largest residential agent, shows.

The aim of the exercise was to find out not only the cost of one-bedroom and two-bedroom flats in different parts of the capital, but also to find out the level of premium paid by those who choose to live alone rather than taking out a joint mortgage with a friend.

In addition, it sought to establish the hypothetical savings that could be made if building societies and other lenders approved the letting of spare bedrooms.

Getting a foothold on the property ladder

so allowing people to take out a bigger mortgage with higher multiples of their salary in order to afford a two-bedroom flat.

Information was gathered last month from a cross-section of offices — Colliers Wood, Norwood, Hackney, Willesden, Fulham, Putney, Islington and Kensington — to cover different areas in terms of both price and prestige.

The main conclusion was that people choosing to live alone in a one-bedroom flat — of whom a large proportion would be first-time buyers — are paying on average about 38 per cent more for the privilege. "It is possible that more and more friends may choose to buy together, so that they can get a foothold on the property ladder," says Winkworth. "As the cost of one-bedroom flats continues to rise above wages, this may be the only solution for those people who do not want to spend many years in rented accommodation."

The firm points out that apart from the obvious advantages of sharing the bills, the price difference between a one-bedroom and a two-bedroom flat usually makes it worthwhile, particularly for two friends on incomes that would not separately allow them to buy a flat, to take advantage of the generous multiples now available to afford the second bedroom. At present the range of multiples is from 2.75 to 3.5, and even four times, for a single income. The latter are offered by independent consultants and have been criticized for stretching the borrower's resources sometimes to breaking point.

Winkworth, whose Winkworth Financial Services can in some cases offer loans on such high multiples, explains that these are aimed particularly at the young professionals in London, who will experience steady increases in their salaries every year and can therefore afford to stretch themselves to get a first foothold on the property ladder. They can also benefit from the low-start endowment mortgage with gradually increasing monthly payments.

Price comparisons showed roughly a 10 per cent increase in the cost of a two-bedroom flat compared with one bedroom at the lower end of the market, and about 20 per cent at the upper end. For Colliers Wood the figures were £45,000 and £51,000; Norwood £45,000 and £50,000; Hackney £45,000 and £55,000; Willesden £50,000 and £55,000; Fulham £69,000 and £85,000; Putney £70,000 and £83,000; Islington £75,000 and £110,000; and Kensington £118,000 and £150,000.

With calculations based on a 95 per cent mortgage, the report shows that a single person with an income of just over £12,000 at a multiple of 3.5 could afford a one-bedroom flat costing £45,000 in Colliers Wood, near Wimbledon. In the same area a two-bedroom flat would cost £51,000.

This could be afforded by two friends sharing the mortgage at multiples of 2.75 times both their incomes of £8,809; or by two people, one of whom had an income of £13,000 (equal to that needed to buy a one-bedroom flat) but who would be very stretched to afford a second bedroom alone. With a second person (income £9,500) the two could easily afford the two-bedroom flat with multiples of three and one.

The two people paying the same share of the mortgage would save an estimated £170 each by sharing the mortgage of the two-bedroom flat, compared with the single owner in the one-bedroom flat. What is more, a single owner of the two-bedroom flat, if allowed to rent out the second bedroom (about £195 a month),

Lenders disapprove of letting the spare room

would be saving £129 a month on the cost of the one-bedroom flat.

This is, of course, a hypothetical example, for at present mortgage lenders do not approve of the concept of letting a spare bedroom to provide additional income. It is, however, a common practice in London and the figures drawn up by Winkworth show that potential savings are there if building societies could be persuaded to change their policy. Only in the more expensive areas of Islington and Kensington would there be no saving by letting a second bedroom instead of living in a one-bedroom flat.

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The stay-put Northerners of the 1980s

■ The widening of the North-South divide is highlighted by a Home Counties estate agents' firm in an analysis of its 1986 sales. Flatt & Mead, which serves large areas of Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, says less than 5 per cent of the property it sold in 1986 was bought by people from north of Milton Keynes. The figure from a similar survey in 1976 was almost 25 per cent.

The firm also reports that more people moving out of the area are now letting rather than selling their houses, making a return easier if they are relocated back to the South-East, as so often happens.

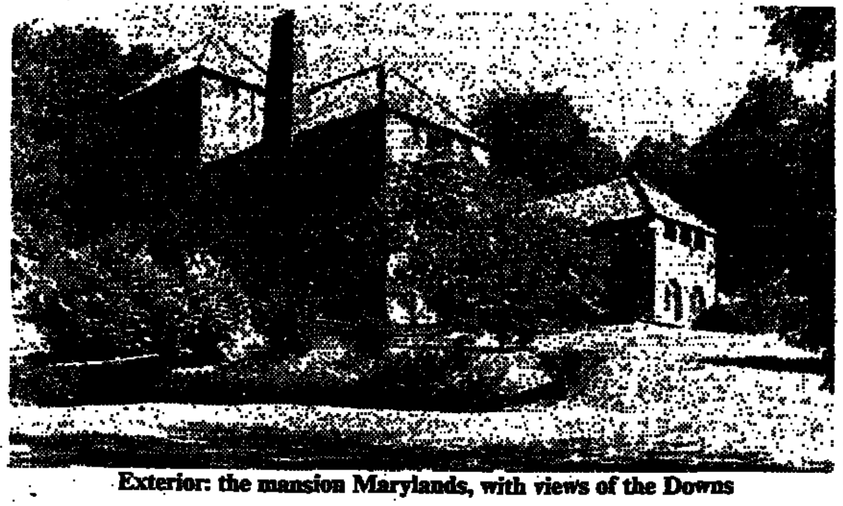
Referring to the 6.7 per cent house price average increase in Yorkshire and Humberside in 1986 compared with the 22 per cent South-East average and 13.6 per cent national figure, Flatt & Mead comments: "For a country less than the size of many American states, hardly a sensible or realistic situation, but one that will have to be resolved by politicians, not estate agents."

■ **Flat 8, Burton Court, Chelsea, could hardly be included in the survey of flats for first-time buyers on the opposite page. This first-floor property in a mansion block is one of the prettiest flats on the market, has views over the fields of Burton Court and the Royal Hospital, and has been totally renovated. It has a reception hall, two reception rooms, a principal bedroom suite and two further bedrooms, with a study or fourth bedroom. Knight Frank & Rutley is asking £825,000 for the 990-year lease, with a share in the freehold.**

£450,000 splendour

■ The Malthouse at Ropley, near Alton, Hampshire, is a 17th-century country house in a rural setting virtually unaltered since it was built, and looks over open farmland one mile from the village. The house, recently improved, has a lot of exposed oak, a principal bedroom suite and six further bedrooms, four reception rooms, a self-contained flat in the former malthouse, outbuildings including a barn with planning consent for a dwelling, a swimming pool and nearly eight acres. Weller Eggar's Alton office is asking around £450,000.

■ **Barratt East London Ltd, has completed its latest scheme in Wapping at Gun Place. It is set one block from the river behind Gun Wharf, one of Barratt's earlier Docklands projects, and is part of the former riverside complex of tea and spice warehouses. It offers 73 apartments including four penthouses. The latest penthouse, for sale at £465,000, shows Barratt is now aiming very much up-market. High above Wapping Lane where building goes on apace, it has views of the river and the City and there are a roof garden and a terrace. With a size of more than 2,800 sq ft, it is larger than the average executive detached house, containing three bedrooms and a spacious living area. The penthouses are from £285,000 upwards. Details: 01-265 1282.**



Exterior: the mansion Marylands, with views of the Downs

Oliver's romantic touch

This is the centenary of the birth of the architect Oliver Hill, an event not yet much celebrated but none the less noteworthy. His father was a friend of Sir Edwin Lutyens, who was Hill's first and main influence, and his work is reminiscent of Lutyens's grand style.

In 1945 *Building* magazine said he derived his designs from other, traditional, styles, and that his architecture had now been given "that appalling name 'modern'," but whatever the description Hill built good houses, and the magazine concluded: "Of his taste there can be no doubt — it is really exquisite; of his talents no doubt."

When he was asked by Mr and Mrs M.C. Warner to design a house on the lines of Tudor architecture around 1930, he arrived to look at the site on the slopes of hills at Hurtwood, Ewhurst, Surrey, looking towards the South Downs, and spent some days there, sleeping in a glade. It was known that he "lived" the job, and he asked — and was given — permission to build instead a house in local stone, wood and ironwork of romantic design.

The result is Marylands, a distinguished and somewhat formidable looking house from the outside, but a friendly and comfortable family house inside. It is set in about 30 acres of grounds, including paddocks, woodland and gardens laid out with advice, it is said, from Gertrude Jekyll, who co-operated with Lutyens in many of his projects.

The house, with an art deco feel, is not quite as Hill designed it, as the original loggia now appears as the morning room which is linked to the dining room. Outside, the small ornamental pool, which Hill lined with blue mosaic tiles and was fed with water through green terracotta frogs, has been filled in and is covered with glazed mosaic tiles to match the original base pattern.

Because of the Warners' love of music, the drawing room was designed as a music room, with fine acoustics, and was the scene of frequent visits by such musicians as Sir Thomas Beecham, Vaughan Williams and Sir Adrian Boult.

From the hall the staircase branches left and right, a feature compared to Lutyens's work at Lindisfarne and Lambay Castles. The arches give fascinating perspectives at different levels.

In addition to the entrance hall, the house has three or four reception rooms, five main and three secondary bedrooms and five bathrooms. There is a staff cottage, stabling, outbuildings and a heated indoor swimming pool, and Hampton and Sons is giving a guide price of £1.5 million.

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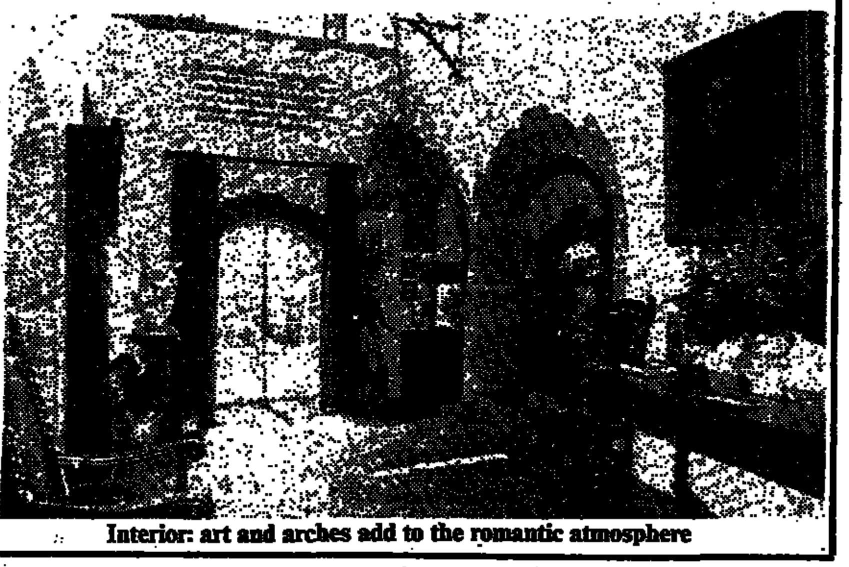

Interior: art and arches add to the romantic atmosphere

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RUGBY UNION: PREPARATIONS END AS PRESSURE BEGINS WITH START OF NEW INTERNATIONAL SEASON

Irish RFU criticize coaching course

By George Ace

The Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) has indicated its disapproval of an attempt by Rugbyclass Ltd, an English-based company, to organise a schoolboys coaching course in Blackrock College, Dublin, during August this year.

Advertised at the Tony Ward School of Sport and catering for an age group between 8 years and 18 the course would have been on similar lines to those operating in England, Scotland and Wales to which the names of Bill Beaumont, Andy Irvine and Phil Bennett are associated.

A directive issued by the IRFU to its four branches in Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connacht and all clubs and schools affiliated to the Union states: "The Irish Rugby Football Union has written to its four branches and to all clubs and schools affiliated to the Union to inform them that the union disapproves of the proposed course for schoolboys to be held in Blackrock College in August, 1987, which is being organised by Rugbyclass Ltd. The course has been advertised as the Tony Ward School of Sport which is in contravention to the laws of the IRFU. Tony Ward, on being advised of this, has unreservedly withdrawn his name from the course.

"The Union is not satisfied that this course will be run in accordance with the regulations of the International Rugby Football Board relating to amateurism. It does not believe that coaching courses run on a commercial basis are in the best interests of the game in Ireland and it has therefore advised its branches, clubs and schools not to involve themselves in any way with this course or other courses of a similar nature."

It is understood that the IRFU will be forwarding its views on the matter to the International Rugby Football Board.

Davies and Norster fit

Wales have been given a double boost for Saturday's match against France in Paris. Jonathan Davies, the stand-off half, and the lock forward, Bob Norster, were both declared fit at last night's training session in Cardiff.

Neath's captain Davies was doubtful after injuring his right shoulder in the Schweppes Cup tie against Llanelli, but 10 days rest electromagnetic treatment from the Welsh physiotherapist, Tudor Jones, enabled him to come through last night's test.

Norster, who had been troubled by knee and thigh cuts which turned septic, had recovered also after a course of antibiotics.

Paris match off

Paris have pulled out of the annual rugby union fixture with London, scheduled for the Metropolitan police ground at Imber Court on February 21, because of a backlog of club championship matches in France.

London stressed that they hoped that the match will take place as planned in future years, and, providing they receive an invitation, anticipate playing in Paris prior to the France's match with England next year.

Bells ring for Dean of St Mary's

Jonathan Davies, the new Welsh folk hero, will undoubtedly be the focus of attention when the Five Nations championship gets underway in Paris and Dublin on Saturday. It may be, however, that at Lansdowne Road, the anticipated polished rendering of the arts of stand-off half play by the Dean of St Mary's will cause the more discerning to take a closer and more analytical look at Paul Michael Dean, a product of St Mary's College, who will be winning his sixteenth cap.

Dean, aged 27, is no one-season wonder, and his six-year battle to establish himself as Ireland's No. 1 stand-off has been anything but smooth.

A brilliant exponent of the pivotal role while at college, Dean won five schoolboy international caps during 1977 and 1978, gained B international honours in 1980 and the following year toured South Africa where he won his first two caps at stand-off in the first international, and at centre in the second. That was in the era when Tony Ward's star was on the wane – not I hasten to add among the rank and file of Irish supporters, but certainly among those who mattered – and Ollie Campbell was rewriting the record books.

Dean, in those days, was the youngster very much in the shadows. However, the persistent quality of his performances won him a third cap in the centre against Australia, also in 1981, and he played the four championship games at centre in 1982, when Ireland won the Triple Crown for the first time in 33 years.

These were heady days for the young man from St Mary's but the bottom fell out of Dean's world the following season when he lost his Irish place, and his tally of seven caps remained static until a dramatic recall to the stand-off spot against Australia in 1984. Dean, at that time, was playing in the centre for St Mary's with Ward at stand-off. Strange, indeed, are the ways of Irish selectors.

It was not, however, a fairy-tale reunion with the green jersey, and probably ranks as Dean's most ineffectual international. But he kept his place, and his was a major contribution in Ireland's march to another Triple Crown and a championship success, a draw with France denying the Irish a grand slam. So, the cycle had completed a full circle: the schoolboy international stand-off was, after a long and arduous battle, established as his country's No. 1.

Dean's greatest attribute lies in his ability to create space for his centres, and it is Dean who is deserving of the highest praise for the blossoming of an Irish back line from which the best has yet to come.

Injury cost Dean a couple of caps last season and he still, and always will, carry a scar under the left eye sustained in a head-on collision with Ward in the final Irish trial of the 1983 season. But there are no hard feelings. "Tony and I are the best of friends and that's the way it will always be," Dean says.

His style of play is in direct contrast to the individualistic and highly talented Ward; Dean's approach has not the flamboyance of Ward but he has harnessed his talents in such a way that all around benefit from his razor-sharp reflexes and lightning fast ball release.

Dean enjoys the confidence of his forwards who know hard-won possession will be used by him to the full and that he is rarely guilty of taking a wrong option. He has already shared in two Triple Crown triumphs in a comparatively brief career and there are plenty of good years left in the locker yet.

There may be those more talented as individuals on the world stage but there are none more capable of bringing the best out of a threequarter line. His ability to vary his game and his clinical appraisal of what is best on the day are other factors that are beginning to win Dean a growing army of supporters.

It may be that, after the World Cup, the many talents of the Dean of St Mary's will be appreciated by a wider audience and if such should prove to be the case, all in Ireland will say: "It couldn't happen to a nicer guy".

George Ace

Paul Dean: a dash of Irish genius

Rise and shine of farmer Phillips

By Gerald Davies

Farmer Phillips will not be getting up at the crack of dawn on Saturday down on his farm at Llanfyrnach deep in the heart of Welsh-speaking Wales. Instead he will be having a well earned lie-in before going to work on France at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris.

It will be the first time in a long time that Kevin Phillips, aged 23, will not have been up and been around his farm early in the morning and working on until late at night. Since his father died he runs the farm with his mother and his brother, now and again, helping out. He is, it must not be forgotten, a sometime rugby player like everybody else. For seven days a week, 12 hours or more a day he is a farmer. His mother and brother make it possible for him to indulge his pleasure.

Work must come before play

But this Saturday is different. Family and friends will be rallying around to help and support the local lad who is making his debut for Wales against the French.

"Some neighbours will help out this weekend. But on an ordinary Saturday I have to get a lot of work done before I can get away to play for Neath," says Phillips, who has had such a rapid promotion that he has by-passed his club colleague, Mike Richards, who has been the Welsh replacement hooker for the last three years.

The farm at Llanfyrnach, on the edge of the Preseli range, lies in the heart of what still is for everyone, apart from the bureaucrat, Pembrokeshire, in a part of the old county which is entirely Welsh-speaking except for those who escaped to it from a less congenial place. He was educated at the Preseli Comprehensive and left at the age of 16 to look after the family livestock farm.

"I played on the wing to begin with, then the back row and, by the time I was 16, I found myself as hooker. After that I went to the Cardigan Town youth team for a couple of years and then on to their senior team."

And Neath? How did that come about with Llanelli, being closer, the more obvious choice? Talent scouts appear in the unlikeliest disguises. "I read recently that Clive Norling had something to do with it," he admits. "He had been in charge of a match between Cardigan and Neyland and he put my name forward to the Neath club."

Norling, as well as being the best referee in the game, is also treasurer to the Neath Athletic RFC, a junior side which is separated from the senior club of the town but whose interests are not entirely unrelated. Norling passed the word on.

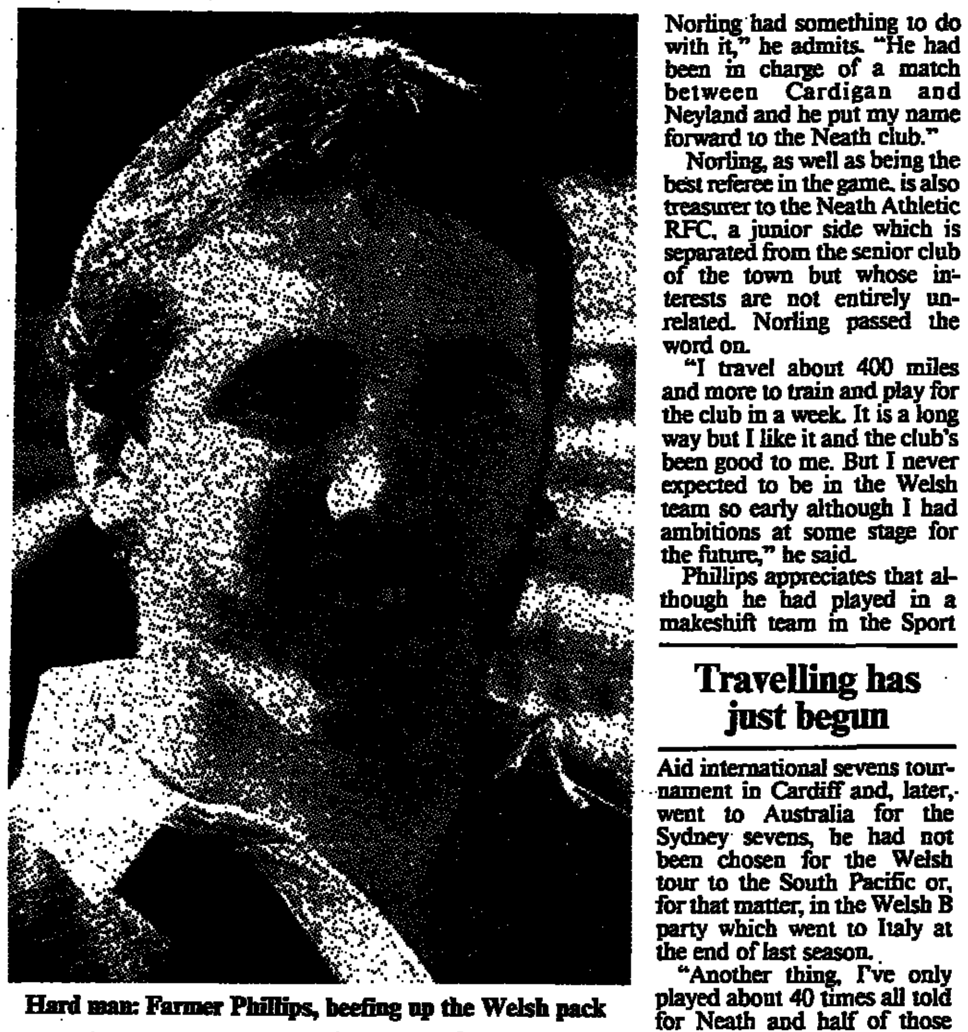
"I travel about 400 miles and more to train and play for the club in a week. It is a long way but I like it and the club's been good to me. But I never expected to be in the Welsh team so early although I had ambitions at some stage for the future," he said.

Phillips appreciates that although he had played in a makeshift team in the Sport

Travelling has just begun

Aid international sevens tournament in Cardiff and, later, went to Australia for the Sydney sevens, he had not been chosen for the Welsh tour to the South Pacific or, for that matter, in the Welsh B party which went to Italy at the end of last season.

"Another thing, I've only played about 40 times all told for Neath and half of those have been at prop." But, make no mistake about the man, he is a very good hooker, weather-beaten and hard. His mobility, too, is such that he is there or thereabouts with the flankers. Now that he has made it, he might get to like it, he says. The travelling has only just begun for this local hero.



Hard man: Farmer Phillips, beefing up the Welsh pack

Wales face tough test in Paris

Paris (AFP) – France, unbeaten by Wales in Paris for 12 years, are confident they can get their Five Nations Championship campaign off to a flying start on Saturday.

The French have picked the same side which overwhelmed New Zealand in Nantes last November and that means there are seven changes from the team which won 23-15 at Cardiff last March. The Welsh, with their powerful centre, John Devereux, now fit, have two new caps and show six changes from the Cardiff defeat.

Although only two of Toulouse's championship side are included in the French XV, most rugby followers here are confident that Jacques Fouroux's team will be too powerful for Wales. "There will be no change in the way we play," said Yves Noe, the chairman of selectors dismissing critics who say France are not making full use of their exciting three-quarters.

Philippe Berot, chosen as much for his kicking as his pace on the right wing, missed three penalties for his club, Agen, on Sunday. The French will expect more of him when he makes his debut on Saturday. Noe believes Alain Lorieux's return to form a second row partnership with Jean Condom, has given the pack a solid base. "We have improved tremendously in the line-outs and in the scrum," he said.

Fouroux's France will, in the words of Noe, push their opponents to breaking point before striking for the line. That does not rule out the unexpected from Serge Blanco, their brilliant full back, or a thrusting run from the explosive Philippe Sella. Jean-Pierre Garuet, one of the most disruptive tight-head props in the business, does not under-rate any of the British packs. "You have always got to beware of wounded animals," he said.

ATHLETICS

A hard day's fight for recognition in darkest America

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, New York

The scant knowledge that most Americans have of the rest of the world never ceases to amaze. But history does not seem to be a strong point, either.

The normally placid Peter Elliott was completely thrown when a high school miler at the Millrose Games here last Friday came up and asked if he was Herb Elliott.

A disgruntled Peter, from Rotherham, who was not even born when his Australian namesake won the Olympic 1,500 metres gold medal in Rome in 1960, demanded: "How old do you think I am?" To which the embarrassed kid responded: "Is he your dad?"

Elliott's interest in seeing Strawberry Fields, the section of Central Park, opposite the Dakota, where John Lennon was mortally shot six years ago, brought back memories of the former Beatle's contribution to athletics in New York.

In the first race to be held in the park the week after Lennon's death there was a ceremony similar to America's latest public act of atonement, the 73-second silence observed at Cape Canaveral last week on the anniversary of the Challenger's demise.

A large time clock was positioned in front of the field for a 10-kilometre race and the athletes were asked to wait as 40 seconds, one for each of Lennon's years, ticked off.

A friend in the race recalled: "It was an eerie experience. There was complete silence when we moved off. And it was the first time ever that nobody jumped the start". Since then starting guns have been banned for all races in the park.

Jogged out of homesickness

The stand-offishness which many people, especially journalists, associate with Steve Ovett is due in no small measure to his shyness. The man who has ventured into world record territory five times admits that it took him three years to summon up the courage to ask his wife, Rachel, out on their first date. Then he got a coach at the track, where they were both training, to act as intermediary.

Despite a hacking cough on Saturday morning, later diagnosed as bronchitis – one reason for his appalling run the night before – Ovett showed more concern for Johan Boakes, the world junior 1,500 metres bronze medal winner from Ovett's Phoenix club. Boakes, who is on a scholarship to North Carolina, has been feeling homesick.

His visit back to Brighton at Christmas was ruined when the Phoenix AC official with whom he was staying died of a heart attack while recording a time trial for Boakes. Ovett struggled round a 30-minute training jog with Boakes to try to cheer up the youngster.

At breakfast later Noel Carroll was one of the many people to tell Ovett, who had not raced indoors since 1975: "This is a different sport altogether. It has little to do with athletics as we know it. Don't be concerned about running poorly the first time on these small tracks, you'll get used to them."

Carroll, who first ran here 25 years ago, had been invited back from Ireland for a Masters' Mile, in which he had run as badly as Ovett, just breaking 4min 40sec, which is not bad for a man aged 45.

But infinitely more impressive is Carroll's record over 800 metres. He has broken two minutes every season for the last 28 years and in all but three of those years broke 1.55.

Why Coghlan should retire

Carroll had some contrasting advice for his compatriot, Eamonn Coghlan, who won the Wanamaker Mile for a record seventh time, beating the six in a row by Glenn Cunningham between 1933 and 1939.

"Eamonn should retire now", he said. "He is never going to run outdoors as well as he does indoors. Why not go out in a blaze of glory?"

Coghlan would prefer to defer his blaze of glory until next year's Olympic Games in Seoul, where he intends to run the 10,000 metres, the distance he has chosen for the world championships in Rome in September. The genial Irishman finished fourth in successive Olympics, the 1,500m in Montreal in 1976 and the 5,000m in Moscow and was injured for Los Angeles.

At a New York track writers' lunch on Monday Coghlan said: "Although I won the 5,000m in the world championships in Helsinki (1983), you can't be classified as an immortal until you win an Olympic gold. After last year's injuries, which is one of the reasons I didn't hang up my spikes, I've been training for 10,000 metres since September".

Rono's trial on the track

Henry Rono's comeback is still on 'hold' after retreats into drinking. The Kenyan, who holds two of the four world records he set inside 80 days in 1978, was lapped on the 200 metres track at Dartmouth College during an indoor meeting last week when recording a poor 14min 45sec for 5,000 metres. His trial on charges of defrauding four banks comes up next Tuesday.

Court of Appeal

Law Report February 4 1987

Lords urged to make tax law fair

Bird and Others v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment January 30]

Assessments on taxpayers made under sections 460 and 461 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 [the cancellation of tax advantages from transactions in securities] could legitimately be raised in amounts that disregarded any other liabilities to tax that might have fallen directly or indirectly on those individuals in respect of the transactions that were carried out.

That result, forced on the Court of Appeal by earlier decisions of the House of Lords, was reached with the utmost distaste being both unfair and oppressive to taxpayers. Should the House of Lords feel unable to reconsider the effect of section 460 in such cases, then the matter was one for consideration by the legislature.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the taxpayers, the executors of the will of the late Mr Charles H. Ellis and the trustees of a settlement made by Mrs D. M. Ellis, and allowing a cross-appeal by the Crown from the decision of Mr Justice Vinelott in March 1985 ([1985] STC 584) whereby assessments to income tax and surtax under the anti-avoidance provisions had been upheld in principle but reduced in amount.

The taxpayers were given leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

The taxpayers were the shareholders in I Ltd, a property development company. I Ltd held 70 per cent of the shares of CCD Ltd, a company whose only asset was a property in Croydon valued at some £10 million.

In 1977 tax advisers, Messrs Bradman and Faber, were approached by the taxpayers to assist them in avoiding liability to tax following the realization of their assets on the sale of the property by CCD Ltd.

A "Bradman" scheme was devised and carried through involving four steps:

1 the disposal of the property by CCD Ltd by the granting of a lease and subsequent sale of the freehold;

2 a share exchange between I Ltd and two Bradman companies:

3 the payment of a large gross dividend by CCD Ltd, and

4 the making of interest-free loans of £2.4 million by a Bradman company to the taxpayers in the same proportions as their shareholding in I Ltd (carried out to avoid an income tax charge arising under section 286 of the 1970 Act).

Section 460 notices and consequential assessments to income tax and surtax for 1972-73 were issued, against which the taxpayers appealed.

The special commissioners determined that (1) tax advantages were obtained by the taxpayers in circumstances in paragraph C of section 461 and in consequence of the transactions in securities, and (2) that assessments to tax were avoided by the taxpayers in amounts equal to the loans to them.

Mr Justice Vinelott upheld the commissioners' determination on the first issue but in relation to the second issue held that the assessments had to be reduced by taking into account I Ltd's corporation tax liability in respect of the transactions. Both sides appealed.

Mr C. N. Beattie, QC and Mr Stephen Brandon for the taxpayers; Mr Donald Rattee, QC and Mr Christopher McCall for the Crown.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, after holding that Mr Justice Vinelott's decision that the taxpayers had obtained a tax advantage in the circumstances specified in paragraph C of section 461 of the 1970 Act in consequence of a transaction in securities was correct, said that the remaining issue was whether the notices and assessments were in the correct amounts.

Those assessments counteracted the tax advantages by treating the whole amount paid to the taxpayers by way of loans as assessable to tax.

Mr Justice Vinelott had reduced the amount to be assessed by the amount of the loans which the taxpayers had to repay to I Ltd to enable that company to pay corporation tax on its disposal of its shares in CCD Ltd.

The basic approach to section 460 was laid down by the House of Lords in *Inland Revenue Commissioners v Parker* ([1966] AC 141). Applying that approach the commissioners had contrasted the receipt which in fact accrued without attracting tax (the loans) with a similar receipt which might have accrued in a taxable way (a distribution by I Ltd by way of dividend).

If the commissioners were right, the Crown was entitled to recover tax in relation to the several steps of the overall scheme far in excess of that which would have been payable if the scheme had not been adopted.

The taxpayers would have to bear tax on a sum of well over £2.5 million in relation to a scheme which produced £2.43 million. It would be a grossly inequitable result.

His Lordship said that if he was free to do so he would not hold that a notice under section 460 producing that result constituted "counteraction" of a tax advantage.

But the *Parker* decision showed that the contrast had to be made between the tax which would have been payable if no tax-avoidance scheme had been adopted (the hypothetical arrangements) and the tax payable under the scheme (the actual arrangement).

Prima facie at least the "tax advantage" which could be counteracted under section 460 was the amount by which the tax payable under the hypothetical arrangements would have exceeded the tax payable on the actual arrangements.

If, therefore, the actual arrangements gave rise to some tax liability, any counteraction under section 460 ought to give credit for such tax.

But in *Williams v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1980] STC 535), the taxpayer received loans similar to those in the instant case. The House of Lords there held that the section 460 assessments were valid in the full amount notwithstanding consequential surtax assessment and apportionments (which the Crown had undertaken not to proceed with).

Mr Justice Vinelott had felt able to distinguish that decision as in the instant case the Crown, far from offering the same undertakings, had actively pursued the corporation tax assessment on I Ltd and there was a high probability that the loans would be called in to discharge I Ltd's liability.

One would like to agree with the judge on the point. But the court was bound by the *Williams* decision: it was not distinguishable.

The Crown's appeal had to be allowed and the assessments reinstated in the full amounts. That conclusion was reached with the utmost distaste as it was both unfair and oppressive. It was to be hoped that the House of Lords might feel freer to do justice by reconsidering some of the earlier authorities.

A complex case such as the present only fell within section 460 because there was an overall scheme designed to transfer the proceeds of sale free of tax to the taxpayers.

If the implementation of the scheme itself gave rise to tax liabilities, borne directly or indirectly by the taxpayers, then the tax advantage obtained by the taxpayers was *pro tanto* diminished. It should follow that any "counteraction" should take account of such diminution in the real tax advantage obtained.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, concurring, said that he shared the reluctance expressed by the Vice-Chancellor in being forced to reach the conclusion and wished to add his voice to the many who had previously said that this was a matter for consideration by the legislature if the House of Lords felt unable to reconsider the effect of section 460 in such cases.

Lord Justice Bingham agreed.

Solicitors: Wedlake Bell; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Divisional Court

Listing of Crown Office cases

Practice Direction: Crown Office List

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court with Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice McCowan on February 3, handed down the following *Practice Direction*, applying to the Crown Office list, the elements of which were described in *Practice Direction (Trials in London)* ([1981] 1 WLR 1296).

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said:

1 As from March 2, 1987 the following arrangements will apply to the listing of cases included in the Crown Office list.

2 The head clerk, under the direction of the Master of the Crown Office, will arrange the Crown Office list into the following parts.

3 Part A: Cases not ready to be heard. Cases where leave has yet to be obtained, or the time limits for the filing or lodging of notices, affidavits or other documents have not expired and where, in consequence, a case is not yet ready to be heard.

4 Part B: Cases ready to be heard. In cases where the time limits mentioned in Part A have expired it will be assumed that all parties are ready to be heard. When a case enters Part B the applicant or his solicitors will be informed by letter. It will be the responsibility of the applicant or his solicitors to forward a copy of that letter to (i) the clerk to counsel instructed by the applicant and (ii) any respondent to the case or his solicitor who should inform the clerk to counsel instructed by him. It will be the responsibility of counsel's clerks to inform the head clerk, in writing, of counsel's time estimate for the case and of any alteration thereto.

5 The head clerk will make arrangements for hearing dates to be fixed, drawing cases from Part B in order of entry so far as is practicable. While the head clerk will give as much notice as possible of the date fixed for hearing he cannot undertake to accommodate the wishes of applicants, respondents, their solicitors or counsel. The occasional need to list cases at short notice may mean that parties are unable to be represented by the counsel of their first choice. In particular it should be remembered that the cases listed in the Crown Office list take precedence, so far as the attendance of counsel is concerned, over cases listed for hearing in the Crown Court unless a Divisional Court or a judge otherwise directs.

6 Part C: Cases stood out. Where a case appears in Part B, or Part E (see *post*), and any party to the case is of the opinion that he is not ready to be heard he may apply to the Master of the Crown Office to have the matter stood out into Part C. Where the Master of the Crown Office accedes to such an application he may do so on such terms as he thinks fit. Where he declines to direct that the matter be stood out into Part C application may be made to a Divisional Court or a judge, as the case may be, by way of notice of motion.

7 Part D: The expedited list. Cases entered into this list will be listed for hearing as soon as practicable. In cases other than those where a Divisional Court or a judge has directed that a case be considered for expedition, application for inclusion in Part D should be made in the first instance to the Master of the Crown Office but where he declines to direct its inclusion in Part D, application may be made to a Divisional Court or a judge, as the case may be, by way of notice of motion.

8 Part E: Cases listed for hearing. This part of the list will contain those cases where a date for hearing has been fixed.

9 As from March 2 *The Daily Cause List* will, in relation to the Crown Office list, contain only such cases as are to be heard on the next sitting day.

10 A copy of Parts B, C, D and E of the Crown Office list may be inspected in the Crown Office.

11 In this *Practice Direction* the expression "applicant" includes "appellant" where the context so requires and the expression "judge" means a judge hearing cases in the Crown Office list.

Weekly national insurance payments required

Regina v Highbury Corner Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte DHSS

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment January 30]

Section 146 of the Social Security Act 1975 required a self-employed earner to pay class 2 national insurance contributions weekly. It was not necessary to prove intent to avoid payment, it was no defence to be up to date by the time of a court appearance and nor was it a defence to have no card with which to pay.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing a prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated from the acquittal by Mr D. M. Finkleton, Highbury Corner Stipendiary Magistrate, on June 10, 1986, of Edward Renwick, a self-employed taxi driver. The case was remitted to the magistrate with a direction to convict.

Mr Philip Vallance for the prosecutor; the defendant in person.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said the defendant was required to pay class 2 national insurance contributions. Since commencing self employment in 1979 he had paid his class 2 contributions to counterhands at his local DHSS office at the end of a year and received a receipt.

In October 1984 his card was in Newcastle upon Tyne and unavailable for stamping. In August 1985 he was told he owed £580.20 of which he soon paid £275 at the DHSS office.

He was interviewed about the balance by an inspector and paid £150 two weeks later. He paid the final balance after he received the summons.

The magistrate found no intent to avoid payment but that there had been a misunderstanding between the defendant and the DHSS as to the method of payment.

Under section 146 of the Social Security Act 1975 it was an offence not to pay national insurance contributions on time and failure to do so could result in a fine. Section 7 required the contributions to be paid weekly.

Regulation 54 of the Social Security Contribution Regulations (SI 1979 No 591), as substituted by regulation 14 of (SI 1984 No 77) required the contributions to be paid no later than the last day of a contribution week.

The secretary of state could approve other methods for paying contributions: in particular where a person was both employed and self employed. It was unknown for the secretary of state to allow a person to pay contributions at the end of the year as that would entail someone keeping money everyone else had to pay over.

Although counterhands did accept money for contributions in arrears, they could not be said to have the authorization of the secretary of state for that.

Intent to avoid payment was not a necessary ingredient of the offence: it was no defence not to have a card as the obligation to obtain a card lay on the national insured and it was no defence to be paid up by the time of a court appearance.

Lord Justice Watkins delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: DHSS Solicitor.

Solicitors

The partners of Lipman Bray ask us to point out that Mr Kirschel (see *Lipman Bray v Hillmore (The Times* January 31)) left Redstone, Kirschel & Bray in August 1983 and has never been a partner in Lipman Bray.

Correction

In *R v Alfaro* (*The Times* January 30) counsel for the appellant was Mr Nicholas Fooks, not Mr John Aspinall.

RACING: ROYAL CHASER TO CONFIRM PROMISE OF KEMPTON RUN

Sun Rising can initiate double for Queen Mother and Walwyn

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

The problems of keeping fresh horses fit when bad weather makes training grounds and roads treacherous has been highlighted recently by the injury to that immensely promising young steeplechaser, Ten Plus, who slipped on Tuesday and cut both his knees.

This was a cruel blow to both trainer Fulke Walwyn and owner Basil Thwaites who were hoping to run him in either the Gold Cup or the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham next month especially as, for a long time, Walwyn has excelled in the art of producing horses capable of giving of their best after an enforced break.

Today I expect him to drive home that point again at Windsor where SUN RISING (2.30) and THE ARGONAUT (3.0) *are taken to compensate him* a little by landing a double for the Queen Mother.

For a horse who was having his first race for more than two years, Sun Rising did remarkably well in my opinion to finish third at Kempton towards the end of December, beaten 1½ lengths and two lengths by Welsh Oak and Socks Downe.

Among those who finished behind him were such accomplished performers as Whiskey Eyes, Malya Mal, Far Bridge, Berlin and the subsequent Newbury winner Annette's Delight.

Against such an encouraging backcloth I think that Sun Rising, who is sure to be fitter for that race, should now be *capable of recording his second* victory over today's course and distance in the Holyport Handicap Chase and he is napped to beat Lewesdon Prince, Royal To Do and Numerate.

His stable companion, The Argonaut, appears to have a harder task against Socks Downe, The Catchpool and *Echo Sounder in the Boveney* Handicap Chase but I still think that he is capable of winning after finishing second in all his three previous races this season.

First Romance, the other runner today belonging to the Queen Mother and trained, like the other two at Saxon House in Upper Lambourn, will have the second race of her career in the *first division of the Brocas* Novices' Hurdle. Following that encouraging run behind The Jolly Beggar and Harry's Bar at Towcester in December, she should go well too.

In this instance, though, I feel that Alto Cumulus, Rowlandson's Jewels and Jazetas all have slightly stronger claims with the vote just going to ALTO CUMULUS.

If Hereford goes ahead, the principal interest promises to be the English debut of *STEPASIDE LORD* whose recent third behind Barnbrook Again and Feroda in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown gives him the edge on form over his four rivals in the Fred Rimell Hurdle.

● SUNYLYN can win the opening hunter chase of the season at Hereford today (Brian Beel writes). She won her first two point-to-points last season and subsequently ran in three good-class hunter chases, finishing second at Worcester and Cheltenham. This full sister to the talented Elmboy has little to beat in the New Season Maiden Hunters Chase (3.45).

Treble chance: Josh Gifford, who won the Grand National in 1981 with Aldaniti, parades his three entries for this year's race at Findon yesterday. Left to right: Door Latch, Bright Dream and You're Welcome (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

WINDSOR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Alto Cumulus.
2.30 SUN RISING (nap).
3.00 The Argonaut.
3.30 Aconitum.
4.00 Tom Caxton.
4.30 Godfather's Gift.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Lewesdon Prince. 3.00 ECHO SOUNDER (nap). 4.30 My Myra.

Going: good to soft

2.0 BROCAS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £787: 2m 30yd) (22 runners)

1	34F-310	SIGNALMAN (CD) (Mrs A Chapman) O Sherwood 6-11-10	S Sherwood	94	6-1
4	0	AIR BROKER (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 6-11-3	A Webb	—	14-1
6	433	ALTO CUMULUS (Mrs A Parkinson) N Gaselee 5-11-3	D Browne	97	8-1
8	00	BILBROOK (Unity Farm Holiday Centre) P Hobbs 5-11-3	—	—	20-1
9		BRIGHT INTERVALS (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 5-11-3	P Scudamore	—	4-1
14	04-0	DUKE OF ARUN (B Seal) Mrs L Clay 5-11-3	J Lovejoy	—	14-1
20	00	LEISURETIME SMILE (S Freeman) J Edwards 5-11-3	P Barton	—	14-1
23	0	MCCORKLEY'S ROCK (Mrs J Carrier) R Champion 5-11-3	Mrs J Carrier	—	16-1
25		PRIVATEPERFORMANCE (K Balfour) P Haynes 5-11-1	R Rowe	—	14-1
27	12	ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (Rowlandsons Ltd) D Murray-Smith 6-11-3	C Brown	—	4-1
29		SIR HUMPHREY (I Campbell) I Campbell 7-11-3	R Campbell	—	20-1
30	3UP	TARRAKAN (B) (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-11-3	—	74	25-1
36	3	FIRST ROMANCE (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 5-10-12	R Chapman	98	F3-1
41	04	FINE BLUE (M Ralphs) G Thorner 4-10-7	—	—	20-1
42	332	JAZETAS (BF) (G Cooke) N Callaghan 4-10-7	D Murphy	● 99	25-1
45	P	NATCHAKAM (Mrs L Foster) Miss A King 4-10-7	—	—	33-1
48		ROI DE SOLEIL (W Kelly) M Blanshard 4-10-7	—	—	12-1
51		VERMEER (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 4-10-7	S Morshead	—	25-1
52		YOURS GRENVILLE (P Mitchell) P Mitchell 4-10-7	Mr D Bennyworth	—	25-1
53	00	ARE YOU GUILTY (T Ramsden) M Ryan 4-10-2	J McLaughlin	75	20-1
54	23	COME ON LUCKY (B) (M Willey) M Pipe 4-10-2	—	98	12-1
55		TERN OF A CENTURY (Sarif & Co Ltd) D Jermy 4-10-2	G Old	—	33-1

1986: ZUKO 5-11-3 R Rowe (9-1) P Haynes 20 ran

FORM SIGNALMAN was a disappointing last of 9 at Sandown last time, previously (10-10) a 1½l winner from True Weight (10-10) here in November (2m30y, £685, good to soft, 12 ran). ALTO CUMULUS has been running consistently in some decent races, best effort (11-0) a 5l 4th to Mr Parker (11-0) at Ascot (2m, £2219, good to firm, Nov 14, 7 ran). ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (11-9) has shown plenty of promise in NH Flat races, most recently when 5l 2nd to Autumn Sport (10-9) at Haydock (2m 28y, £622, good to firm, Oct 16, 10 ran). FIRST ROMANCE (10-2) ran a promising debut when 9½l 3rd to The Jolly Beggar (10-11) at Towcester (2m, £829, soft, Dec 22, 18 ran). JAZETAS (11-0) has been favourite on his last two outings, and almost confirmed that support when 3l 2nd to the potentially useful Past Glories (10-10) at Market Rasen (2m, £1477, soft, Jan 7, 17 ran). COME ON LUCKY (10-3) finished 17l 3rd to Precious Link (10-6) at Newton Abbot (2m 150y, £924, heavy, Jan 22, 13 ran) with BILBROOK (11-1) weakening into 8th. Selection: JAZETAS

2.30 HOLYPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,763: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

1	14F01-0	LEWESDON PRINCE (T Frost) S Christian 10-11-10	R Beggan	94	6-1
4	313/3	SUN RISING (CD) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-11-6	K Mooney	94	F5-4
6	244-431	ROYAL TO DO (D) (J Sumner) T Forster 11-10-10	H Davies	98	5-1
8	30-231U	NUMERATE (BF) (R Clarke) O Sherwood 8-10-6	S Sherwood	92	4-1
9	00PP-20	LEGATE (R Houghton) J Old 10-10-1	Mr G Johnson-Houghton (7)	● 99	12-1
10	0/20220-	BOLD DEALER (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 10-10-0	M Perrett	93	14-1
12	F1-1FFF	MAITREDEE (Mrs A Wates) R Gow 8-10-1	C Brown	87	33-1
14	34-PFFP	BROWN'S STAR (M Tonkin) D Oughton 7-10-0	L Jenkins (7)	83	25-1
17	1P/P003	JUST MARTIN (C) (F Pullen) R Champion 9-10-0	R Rowe	77	20-1

1986: SOCKS DOWNE 7-10-6 S Smith-Eccles (3-1 jt-fav) J King 10 ran

FORM LEWESDON PRINCE (11-6) weakened inside the final quarter mile on reappearance when 7th to Queensway Bay (10-4) at Newbury (3m, good to soft), he is better judged on final outing of last season (11-12) when a neck winner from Whitsunday (11-12) at Kempton (3m, £3327, firm May 6, 7 ran). SUN RISING (10-0) far from disgraced in first outing for over 2 years when 3½l 3rd to Welsh Oak (10-8) at Kempton (2m4f, £4823, soft, Dec 27, 11 ran). ROYAL TO DO (11-8) returned to winning form when beating Denston (10-0) ¾l at Towcester (2m5f, £1475, good to soft, Dec 13, 6 ran). LEGATE (11-1) best judged on penultimate outing when 15l 2nd to the improved Rouspeter (11-3) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £2208, soft, Dec 4, 9 ran). BOLD DEALER makes seasonal debut today, best effort last season (11-2) when 2l 2nd to Welsh Oak (10-13) at Southwell (2m, £1915, good to soft, Mar 27, 16 ran). MAITREDEE has fallen three times since (10-6) beating Latin American (11-12) 3l at Plumpton (2m 4f, £2183, good to soft, Nov 10, 12 ran).
Selection: BOLD DANCER

3.0 BOVENEY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,927: 3m) (14 runners)

1	F0-3122	SOCKS DOWNE (C) (C Cowley) J King 8-11-12	S McNeill	97	8-1
2	1F04-02	THE CATCHPOOL (BF) (D Bill) N Gaselee 8-11-11	P Scudamore	98	F4-1
3	F0-110F	CELTIC SLAVE (D) (Maj A Hellyer) T Forster 10-11-8	L Harvey (4)	95	5-1
4	U10-222	THE ARGONAUT (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-11-8	S Shilston	95	10-1
6	1UFFP-0	TORSIDE (G C Bisgrove Ltd) M Pipe 8-11-5	—	71	20-1
7	112-133	ECHO SOUNDER (C,BF) (The Lady Vestey) T Forster 8-11-2	H Davies	98	9-2
8	0/31P-03	FREDWEL (BF) (Miss C Bingham) P Bailey 12-11-0	—	● 99	16-1
9	123-02P	PLAY THE KNAVE (CD) (C de P Berry) P Bailey 10-10-13	Miss G Armytage (7)	92	16-1
11	21/40PP	ROUND THE TWIST (CD) (A Ross) D Oughton 11-10-9	P Double	82	25-1
13	0-F3030	KINGSWICK (Silux UK Ltd) J Francome 7-10-6	—	93	6-1
14	4P-P232	CRANLOME (D) (Mrs P Fanning) R Champion 9-10-5	M Richards	97	12-1
21	F3/P0-03	DR PEPPER (B,D) (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 10-10-0	A Webb	93	14-1
22	2-33FF	MR CANDY (D) (A Moore) A Moore 8-10-0	G Moore	95	20-1
24	4/F30F4	UP AND DOWN (Mrs G Maxwell) J Gifford 12-10-0	R Rowe	87	20-1

1986: MEMBERSON 8-10-8 P Scudamore (5-2 fav) P Dufosee 13 ran

FORM SOCKS DOWNE (10-6) stayed on from the 2nd last when 1½l 2nd to Welsh Oak (10-8) at Kempton (2m 4f, soft), earlier (11-12) easily beat County Player (10-7) 2½l, with ECHO SOUNDER (11-7) a further 2½l away 3rd at Ludlow (2m 4f, £1766, good, Nov 26, 9 ran). THE CATCHPOOL (11-12) was back to his best when 4l 2nd to Gainsay (11-7) at Newbury (3m, £2993, soft, Jan 2, 6 ran). THE ARGONAUT (10-2) lost chance with a blunder 2 out when 7l 2nd to Golden Friend (11-10) at Kempton (3m, £3215, soft, Dec 27, 7 ran). PLAY THE KNAVE (10-9) best judged on a 5l 2nd to Knock Hill at Worcester (3m5f, £3038, good to soft, Dec 3, 6 ran) a race in which CELTIC SLAVE (11-7) was last. CELTIC SLAVE (11-4) last successful when beating Mayanncor (10-9) 3l, with UP AND DOWN (10-2) 12l away in 3rd at Worcester (3m, £1892, soft, Nov 19, 10 ran). Selection: SOCKS DOWNE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
F Walwyn	14	35	40.0	P Scudamore	7	29	24.1
J King	5	18	27.8	P Double	5	26	19.2
D Nicholson	7	31	22.6	H Davies	17	113	15.0
P Haynes	5	27	18.5	V McKevitt	5	34	14.7
P Bailey	6	33	18.2	B Powell	5	37	13.5
D Grissell	5	33	15.2	S Smith Eccles	7	61	11.5

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

3.30 BROCAS NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £725: 2m 30yd) (22 runners)

1	31	ACONITUM (J Galvanoni) O Sherwood 6-11-10	M Richards	94	F2-1
2	001	HIGHWAY EXPRESS (M White) R Hodges 6-11-10	B Powell	93	7-1
3	0001	SITTING BULL (C Donovan) J Jenkins 5-11-10	H Davies	80	12-1
6	00/	BARRY BLACKMORE (R Goode) D J Bell 6-11-3	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—	33-1
7	244F-	BROTHER IN ARMS (C Roach) C Roach 6-11-3	R Millman	83	16-1
11	0-	FRISCO (J Papin) J Long 5-11-3	R Goldstein	—	33-1
12	0	GALLOPING CLAUDE (Mrs P Fanning) R Champion 5-11-3	Mrs J Carrier	—	25-1
15	140	MOON JESTER (J White) C Holmes 7-11-3	—	97	12-1
22		PULSINGH (B Hager) N Gaselee 5-11-3	D Browne	—	14-1
24	042	SPRINGHOLM (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-11-3	—	—	14-1
30	0	WAYDIN (Mrs J Gifford) J Gifford 5-11-3	R Rowe	—	8-1
32	021	FINGEST (B) (R Ashford) Miss A King 4-11-0	A Webb	● 99	6-1
33	40401	WINNING DANCER (J Hunt) Miss L Bower 4-11-0	R Rowell	95	10-1
35		COUNTRY-INN (L Wareham) J Jenkins 5-10-12	J White	—	20-1
37	P	GOLDEN BAZAAR (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 5-10-12	T Pinfield (7)	—	33-1
41		RAZZAMATAZ GLORY (F Elson) M Hinchliffe 5-10-12	S McNeill	—	33-1
44	3	AUTUMN FLUTTER (J Short) G Thorner 4-10-7	P Barton	91	20-1
45		BAXTERGATE (N Yiasoumi) J W Payne 4-10-7	J McLaughlin	—	—
48		FINAL ALMA (Mrs P Isaacs) P Mitchell 4-10-7	S Sherwood	—	20-1
51		RED SINGH (C Reed) C Read 4-10-7	M Perrett	—	33-1
53		SURE LANDING (C Nelson) F Winter 4-10-7	P Scudamore	—	4-1
55	P	ZINDELINA (A Elliott) D Jermy 4-10-2	G Old	—	33-1

1986: WINTER TERM 4-10-7 H Davies (6-1) G Thorner 18 ran

FORM ACONITUM (10-12) soon had his rivals toiling turning for home and came home by a comfortable 10l from New Forest Lad (10-12) at Stratford (2m, £833, good to soft, Dec 29, 12 ran). SITTING BULL (11-0) had something in hand when beating subsequent winner Poet's Day (10-10) 2½l in a seller at Worcester, the pair 20l clear of the remainder, (2m2f, £897, heavy, Dec 30, 8 ran). MOON JESTER, appeared not to stay 2m 5f latest start, previously (11-0) beat Riverside Writer (10-11) 6l at Southwell (2m, £685, soft, Nov 24, 12 ran). FINGEST (10-12) battled on well to beat Topeka Express (10-12) 2l at Wolverhampton (2m, £568, good, Dec 27, 16 ran). AUTUMN FLUTTER (10-9) would have been closer but for mistakes when finishing 15¾l 3rd to French Flutter (10-9), at Taunton (2m1f, £468, soft, Dec 30, 14 ran). Selection: FINGEST

4.0 OAKSIDE NOVICE CHASE (£1,919: 2m 40yd) (18 runners)

1	P0/P12U	AIRWAIR (Mrs M Langley-Pope) R Hodges 8-11-9	B Powell	98	5-1
2	000001	FADA (B Broad) J Bosley 10-11-9	M Bosley (4)	91	9-2
4	3P-1020	TOM CAXTON (CD) (M O'Connor) J King 6-11-9	S McNeill	97	6-1
6	2/32-030	APRIL PRINCE (P Fowler) F Winter 6-11-2	P Scudamore	—	F4-1
9	230-43F	BATU (B) (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 6-11-2	R Goldstein	85	8-1
14	600-00	COMYN LEGEND (Mrs E Boucher) J Gifford 6-11-2	E Murphy	—	14-1
16	3-03300	CRADLE OF JAZZ (K Britten) J Old 7-11-2	G Bradley	90	6-1
17	10-B034	DANCER IN PARIS (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 7-11-2	T Pinfield (7)	92	16-1
23	P0-0	KILMAGAR (D Smith) P Haynes 6-11-2	R Rowe	—	25-1
25	0222-1	MET OFFICER (M Skinner) M Skinner 7-11-2	P Barton	—	5-1
28	010010	MOU-DAFA (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-11-2	—	—	16-1
32	1100-40	PUNTERS LAD (BF) (Mrs D Oughton) D Oughton 7-11-2	—	—	10-1
37	P/GP-0FP	TRUE PROPHET (Mrs P Jubert) P Haynes 6-11-2	A Webb	—	33-1
41	32F-420	LUCKY GOLD (P Taplin) Miss L Bower 10-10-11	R Rowell	98	20-1
42	F033-00	MIZZIE LIZZIE (M Florey) J Bosley 9-10-11	—	84	25-1
45	P0/040P-	RUSHOISE (B Dukes) P Dukes 7-10-11	L Harvey (4)	—	33-1
46	0-20B02	VENETIAN PRINCESS (Mrs J Peel) A Moore 6-10-11	G Moore	92	—
47	080/0-F2	WOOD POPPY (A Miedziak) R Shepherd 7-10-11	H Davies	● 99	12-1

1986: DOUBLETON 5-11-3 B Powell (10-1) L Kennard 14 ran

FORM FADA (11-3) left his previous form behind when easily beating Scale The Heights (10-4) 30l at Fontwell (2m 2f, £1613, good to soft, Dec 29, 14 ran). TOM CAXTON (11-5) best judged on penultimate start when ¾l 2nd to Trouvere (11-0) at Hereford (2m, £1678, heavy, Dec 18, 10 ran). On penultimate outing BATU (11-3) finished 34l 3rd to Glenside Jerry (11-3), with FADA (11-7) a long way back in 6th at Towcester (2m 5f, £1451, good, Nov 13, 12 ran). DANCER IN PARIS (10-10) best effort when 9½l 3rd to Chipped Metal (11-5) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £3519, good, Dec 27, 13 ran). MET OFFICER (10-12) beat Pyleigh Prince (10-12) 6l in a novice hurdle at Southwell (2m4f, £984, good to soft, Nov 18, 15 ran). On penultimate start MOU DAFA (11-8) took a Haydock (2m, good to soft) selling hurdle by ¾l from Hyde (10-13). WOOD POPPY (10-13) caught close home when a short head 2nd to Superline (11-4), with AIRWAIR (11-11) on 8th fence casualty at Warwick (2m, £2044, good to soft, Dec 27, 16 ran). Earlier AIRWAIR (11-7) beat LUCKY GOLD (11-2) 2l at Taunton (2m 1f, £1772, good, Dec 4, 13 ran). Selection: WOOD POPPY

4.30 COPPER HORSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,329: 2m 30yd) (26 runners)

2	1P0-P00	THAT'S YOUR LOT (M Dorey) J Francome 5-12-0	—	85	5-1
3	00002-P	QUICKSTEP (B) (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-11-11	—	92	10-1
6	PP-4100	HOT HANDED (C Nash) C Nash 6-11-6	—	97	12-1
7	1000-40	SANTOPADRE (BF) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-11-6	G McCourt	● 99	6-1
8	2-04FP0	TAFFY JONES (P Hayes) M McCormack 8-11-1	L Griffiths	—	20-1
9	10PP-P0	EL GALILEO (J South) J Jenkins 5-11-1	J White	88	25-1
10	234030	HIGH HEAVEN (S Allen) A Moore 9-11-1	G Moore	93	10-1
15	00-0338	HAWSER (D Willis) M Madgwick 5-10-10	A Madgwick	92	16-1
16	011310-	HOUSTON BELLE (R Ellis) J Jenkins 5-10-10	S Sherwood	89	20-1
21	4210-00	MISS NEVER HYDE (J Lewis) J Jenkins 5-10-6	H Jenkins (7)	89	16-1
22	123110-	DOWEGIAN (R Garner) M Bolton 6-10-6	Dale McKeown (7)	97	16-1
23	240/0-00	ARABIAN SEA (D Gray) R Curtis 8-10-4	K Traylor (7)	—	33-1
24	0-31440	SAN CARLOS (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 5-10-4	S McNeill	97	12-1
25	40000-3	GODFATHERS GIFT (Mrs J Osborne) Mrs D Haine 5-10-3	S Smith Eccles	93	F9-2
26	11-3F1P	MISS MAINA (M Huxley) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-2	R Goldstein	91	9-1
27	04-0300	THE END (G Groves) S Dow 7-10-2	M Bastard	93	33-1
28	0/23030	POLYNOR (D Thompson) M Ryan 6-10-2	J McLaughlin	86	7-1
29	0P-0032	DERWENT KING (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 10-10-1	W Humphreys (7)	96	8-1
30	40-0200	GENERALISE (J Browne Construction) G Thorner 5-10-1	P Barton	97	25-1
31	000-000	AMBIAN HILL (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 8-10-0	T Pinfield (7)	—	33-1
32	223F3-1	MY MYRA (P Conway) M Pipe 5-10-0	—	88	16-1
36	00P1-00	RAMBLING ECHO (R Smith) P J Jones 6-10-0	C Mann	91	33-1
37	24F003/	LAURA'S PRIDE (A Marriott) C Wildman 10-10-0	S Gilmore (7)	—	33-1
38	2P01/	TO ASTERI (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 6-10-0	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (7)	—	33-1
39	0040-00	WATER DRAGON (D Mills) D Mills 7-10-0	R Rowell	86	33-1
40	0-F0008	BARRERA LAD (R Townsend) R Townsend 7-10-0	Mr D Townsend (7)		33-1

1986: YOUNG NICHOLAS 5-11-11 P Scudamore (8-1) N Henderson 13 ran

FORM QUICKSTEP needed the run on reappearance, last season (11-10) ran a good race when 14l 3rd to Predominate (10-11) at Worcester (2m, £2442, heavy, Apr 23, 9 ran). SANTOPADRE (11-2) won three times last year and seemed to be coming back to that sort of form before hit the last, and eventually finishing 9th to String Player (10-3) at Ayr (2m, £2524, good to soft, Nov 22, 12 ran) last time. HOUSTON BELLE (10-9) last won at Kempton (2m, £1621, firm, Nov 7 '85, 8 ran) when a head victor over Preordination (10-10). SAN CARLOS (10-5) was a never nearer 31l 5th to Metman (10-6) at Plumpton last time (2m, £1783, soft, Dec 9, 8 ran). DERWENT KING (10-1) was running on when 2½l 2nd to Topsoil (10-11) at Plumpton (2m, £1289, heavy, Dec 30, 12 ran) with MISS NEVER HYDE (10-6) 25l back in 6th and BARRERA LAD (10-0) another 12l back in 7th. MY MYRA (11-7) had nothing left in reserve when a length winner from Venetian Princess (11-2) at Plumpton (2m, £735, good, Oct 28, 11 ran). Selection: QUICKSTEP

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 To-Pallikar-Mou.
2.15 Ruby Flight.
2.45 Gala's Image.
3.15 Stepaside Lord.
3.45 Sunylyn.
4.15 North Lane.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 GALA'S IMAGE.

Going: soft with heavy patches (7.30 am inspection)

1.45 LEDBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£918: 2m) (22 runners)

1	0/00400	ROYAL MANX (D) (Bryn Palling Ltd) B Palling 10-11-11	C Evans (4)	—	14-1
2	420002	GLEN MAYE (D) (Mrs S Bower) R Francis 8-11-6	S J O'Neill	94	11-2
3	03F3F0	PASS ASHORE (D) (Miss J Coule) M Oliver 8-11-5	J Duggan	94	12-1
4	0000PP-	TROPICAL MIST (M Meade) M Meade 7-11-4	H Davies	—	20-1
5	420000	TOP GOLD (D) (W Hepper) R Hodges 8-11-3	—	94	12-1
6	010P-03	CERVANTE SOVEREIGN (Mrs F Hunt) J D Roberts 8-11-3	S Morshead	93	10-1
7	00400/P	BOLD TERRAZZO (B) (S O'Shea) R Morris 8-11-2	—	—	20-1
9	P0F0-P0	DOUBLE SWING (J Harriman) J Harriman 6-11-2	Mr J Harriman	—	20-1
11	0020-30	SPIGOT SHAFT (B Johnson) D Wintle 7-11-0	A Carroll	93	7-1
12	P3F0P/3-	FER-KIL (S Bedford) B Forsey 11-11-0	P Croucher	88	16-1
15	04/0004	BALLYSEEDY HERO (D) (J Ford) Miss P O'Connor 9-10-8	E Waite	—	16-1
16	U4/0P-P0	VELINDRE (R Bennett) Mrs C Reavey 7-10-7	—	—	20-1
17	01004-1	TO-PALLIKARI-MOU (CD) (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-10-7	—	94	F5-2
18	003400	BEN'S WAY (R Carrington) K Bridgwater 6-10-7	W Worthington	—	20-1
19	FP0-000	FIELDS OF FRANCE (T Hallett) T Hallett 6-10-6	—	—	25-1
20	000423	DISCOVER GOLD (D) (Ashley Harrison & Co Ltd) K Bridgwater 6-10-5	—	● 99	3-1
21	0F/000-	STAR PART (Mrs S Orgee) G H Jones 9-10-5	C Jones	—	25-1
22	0004/P-F	JOB SHOP (Pertemps Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-10-5	P Dever	—	25-1
23	04/P0-	RIVERHILL BOY (A Aylett) A Aylett 9-10-4	—	—	25-1
25	00FFP-P	SPACE KATE (E E Evans) E E Evans 8-10-4	P Warner	—	33-1
27	000P-0P	SMILING LAUREL (H Cheman) Mrs B Waring 8-10-4	J Robson (7)	88	10-1
28	P08P00	LUCKSIN (B) (M Clemence) P Burgoyne 5-10-3	S Keightley	—	33-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED — SNOW

2.15 E B F OATS & CELTIC CONE NOVICE HURDLE (£1,515: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1	000110	RUBY FLIGHT (C) (R Eckley) R Eckley 5-11-12	B Dowling (4)	98	4-1
2	32-0100	ANAGMOR'S DAUGHTER (A Raison) K Bishop 6-11-5	J Frost	88	8-1
3	013F0F	ANNIE RA (Mrs E Bevan) D Nicholson 5-11-5	R Dunwoody	98	3-1
4	401	MALADICTION (Mrs D Galt) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-5	D Browne	97	F5-2
5	003-210	MISTY SUNSET (D) (R Murray) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-5	J Bryan	● 99	6-1
16	002	DODDYCROSS (T Hallett) T Hallett 5-10-12	B Wright	98	10-1
26	P	LAURA GREY (Mrs W Fullerton) Mrs W Fullerton 7-10-12	—	—	20-1
38	0	PIC-A-PATH (G Lawrey) T Hallett 5-10-12	—	—	20-1
41	FP/0-	RAGESCA (Mrs B Dukes) P Dukes 8-10-12	C Cox	84	16-1
45	00	RYMERSTAR (Mrs F Manning) B Palling 6-10-12	D Tegg (7)	88	15-1
46	00	SHERDON HUTCH (P Hudson) T Forster 8-10-12	P Hobbs	—	12-1
47	000	SHUIL RUN (Mrs D Foster) T Forster 5-10-12	—	90	14-1
52	00-	TANDERAGEE (J Bowen) R Lee 6-10-12	F Rafferty (7)	—	12-1
53	000	TAWNY SILK (W Selwyn) Miss J Thorne 7-10-12	R Linley	—	11-1
55		TUESDAY'S IMP (D Higgs) J H Baker 6-10-12	—	—	20-1
56	0P00-0	TURN MILL (Mrs S Potter) Mrs S Davenport 6-10-12	A Sharpe	81	25-1
57	000023	VULGARIS (M Worthington) D Burchell 5-10-12	D J Burchell (7)	82	25-1
59	FP	WOODLANDS RENTAGEN (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 7-10-12	D Chinn	—	20-1

2.45 LEOMINSTER NOVICE CHASE (£2,789: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	0-02U1F	CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 7-11-12	S Smith Eccles	90	6-1
5	000-01F	OUR WHITE HART (Mrs B Short) N Vigors 7-11-12	C Cox	78	4-1
6	010442	CANTABILE (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 8-11-7	—	78	12-1
7	1204-12	RIBOBELLE (BF) (T Chandler) M Pipe 6-11-7	—	91	3-1
12	0F-44P4	BRYMA (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 6-11-5	D Tegg (7)	79	20-1
13	3000-P3	CARNEY COURT (Metco Precision Metalwork Ltd) P Ransom 7-11-5	B Powell	—	20-1
14	00-3243	CATHY'S PAL (C Kyme) J Chugg 7-11-5	A Sharpe	74	16-1
15	F221-04	CHEEKY RUPERT (T Wragg) D L Williams 7-11-5	R Crank	85	16-1
16	2221/0U-	EXPEDITIOUS (M Taylor) W G M Turner 7-11-5	C Warren (7)	—	20-1
17	2-FF422	GALA'S IMAGE (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-5	R Linley	● 99	F5-2
18	04BU20	GOINGO (R Brown) R Brown 8-11-5	J Brown (7)	81	14-1
19	0-03000	GOOD INVESTMENT (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 7-11-5	R Pusey	—	16-1
22	P-20432	INFO (North Wall Racing Ltd) T Hallett 9-11-5	B Wright	90	12-1
24	200-000	MI DAD (Placard Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-5	—	—	8-1
40	04P/049	ANKERDINE BELLE (J Colston) J Colston 7-11-0	—	88	33-1
41	P/P-P0PF	MAJOR SYMPHONY (B Willis) J Honeyball 9-11-0	Peter Hobbs	—	33-1

3.15 FRED RIMELL HURDLE (£1,629: 2m) (5 runners)

2	320-010	CAWARRA LAD (D) (Mrs M Holden) C James 8-11-6	C Cox	84	8-1
4	222042	DEADLY GOING (D) (Mrs M Bridgwater) K Bridgwater 9-11-6	W Worthington	76	10-1
10	200-301	RUSTSTONE (D) (R Brown) R Brown 7-11-6	J Brown (7)	98	2-1
11	4-10143	STEPASIDE LORD (D) (P Green) D Nicholson 5-11-6	R Dunwoody	● 99	F5-4
14	14-4438	MERRY JANE (D) (D Scott) E H Owen Jnr 6-11-1	D Skyrme (7)	88	11-2

3.45 NEW SEASON MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £812: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1		BOLD AS EVER (K Dunn) K Dunn 6-12-0	—	—	10-1
3	0F004P-	GREY COTE (Mrs L Wilson) Mrs L Wilson 7-12-0	A Forte	—	8-1
4	03033F-	INDIAN (T Bayley) T Bayley 7-12-0	C Beasley (7)	85	3-1
5	P003/2P-	RED FLAME (E Maggs) E Maggs 7-12-0	S Andrews (4)	78	5-1
6	U0P-	ROLLRIGHT LAD (Mrs S Green) Mrs S Green 7-12-0	—	—	12-1
7		TOURA LAD (Sir J Barlow) R Francis 6-12-0	D Barlow	—	12-1
9		BIJOU GEORGIE (Mrs C Janaway) Mrs C Janaway 6-11-9	—	—	13-2
11		MELODIC SPIRIT (Mrs A Holly) D Holly 6-11-9	A Hill	—	14-1
12	F223-	SUNYLYN (W Mawle) W Mawle 7-11-9	—	● 98	F5-2
13	F-	TARBELLA (A Holmes) A Holmes 7-11-9	G Upton (7)	—	14-1

4.15 JULIO MARINER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,763: 3m 1f) (16 runners)

6	300-343	JO COLOMBO (C) (B O'Brien) Mrs W Sykes 12-11-7	S Morshead	90	9-2
7	14-3200	NO PARDON (A Hobbs) P Hobbs 12-11-6	Peter Hobbs	87	14-1
11	0/31P-03	FREDWEL (CD) (Miss C Bingham) P G Bailey 12-10-12	P Warner	● 99	5-1
12	10-2134	MAYANNCOR (CD) (G Wragg) D L Williams 9-10-11	R Crank	92	8-1
13	30-UU11	NORTH LANE (D) (G Bisgrove Ltd) M Pipe 10-10-11	—	90	F3-1
14	22208P-	LECKIE (W Whitbread) Mrs M Rimell 12-10-10	A Sharpe	98	13-2
15	1143-	UNCLE MAX (D) (F Parkes) M Oliver 9-10-6	R Dunwoody	82	10-1
16	0/04-32F	CLAUDE MONET (C,BF) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 9-10-5	M Dwyer	98	14-1
17	0-P0210	NOTRE CHEVAL (CD) (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 8-10-5	—	80	12-1
18	13/F2-P	LE BAMBINO (M Meade) M Meade 10-10-3	H Davies	80	20-1
19	0/P41-PF	TARVILLE (J Parfitt) J Parfitt 9-10-2	R Pusey	96	20-1
22	030-U03	MEARLIN (C House) J Old 8-10-0	—	88	16-1
23	202323	PRINCELY CALL (B,CD) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 13-10-0	—	81	16-1
24	04014P	CITADEL ROC (B,D) (Miss R Dudley) J Bradley 12-10-0	G Davies	80	25-1
25	4P/0-40P	VULRORY'S PIE (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 10-10-0	—	—	25-1
28	P034-40	COME ON SONNY (K White) K White 8-10-0	—	66	25-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Pipe	15	58	25.9	P Croucher	6	26	23.1
Mrs W Sykes	10	53	18.9	R Linley	9	40	22.5
N Henderson	8	46	17.4	S Smith Eccles	7	32	21.9
Mrs M Rimell	15	89	16.9	S Morshead	21	108	19.4
D Nicholson	6	39	15.4	R Dunwoody	11	65	16.9
T Forster	10	77	13.0	H Davies	15	97	15.5

West Tip offered fighting chance of National double

By Dick Hinder

Can West Tip emulate Rum Rum by winning the Grand National, sponsored by Seagram, for the second year running?

Michael Oliver's 10-year-old carried 10st 11lb when beating Young Driver two lengths in last season's spectacular. Now the bookmakers' unanimous ante-post favourite has been allotted *11st 7lb* for this season's event, run on April 4, and the answer must be yes, granted the necessary luck in running.

When Red Rum recorded his first Aintree success in 1973 — catching the gallant Crisp in one of the most emotional Nationals of all time — he carried just 10st 5lb. Twelve months later, Aintree's living legend overcame 12 stone in beating L'Escargot.

So on the face on it, Christopher Mordaunt, whose compilation of the weights were announced yesterday, has given West Tip a grand chance of completing a memorable double with an acceptable increase of 10lb. Oliver, based at Droitwich, was full of *pessimism* last week but *after* hearing the weights said: I am more than happy. He is on a winning mark."

The senior Jockey Club's National Hunt handicapper must be congratulated on producing a tight assessment. Many form experts were looking *at Arthur Stephenson's* The Thinker, who recently beat West Tip by 5½ lengths at Haydock, as a likely National candidate.

However the Bishop Auckland horse, with 11lb 6lb, is only 2lb better in with West Tip at Liverpool than next *month's Greenall Whitley* Chase and The Thinker is an unknown quantity around Aintree, unlike West Tip.

No wonder Stephenson commented: " I was was hoping for 11st 2lb or 11st 4lb for my fellow but I suppose you can't expect leniency if you keep on winning."

Jenny Pitman, with four entries, is satisfied with the 12 stone awarded to her 1984 *Gold Cup winner, Burrough* Hill Lad — he was given 5lb more last year. Corbiere also has come down in the weights, by 11lb to 10st 10lb. But Smith's Man, who jumped superbly round Aintree when landing the Whitbread Trophy (formerly the Topham) two seasons ago, is, in many peoples's eyes, the pick of the handicap off 10 stone.

Jimmy Fitzgerald has no complaints about the weight accorded to his two entries, Androma (10st 8lb) and Strands of Gold (10stone).

The champion trainer, Nick Henderson, is again represented by Classified (fourth last year) and The Tsarevich (seventh), who is owned by Ivan Straker, chairman of the sponsoring company.

Classified runs off the same mark, 10st 3lb, as last year and although he basically does not stay *4½* miles, he was right in contention until fading from the last fence. Faster going will help his cause this time and, at around 25-1, could prove each-way value.

John Wilson , the Ayr trainer, said that last season's runner-up, Young Driver was in fine fettle despite having had his training problems. The horse, who will again be ridden by Chris Grant, is 4lb better off with West Tip this *time and is expected to make* his reappearance at Ayr on February 14.

Wilson said: "Young Driver enjoyed the Aintree experience last year. He needs good ground, runs best when fresh and has been tuning up on the beach. I expect him to go *well* again."

One horse who has the Grand National as a second-Door Latch (up 5lb to 11st 4lb), who only got as far as the first fence at Aintree last year. His main aim is the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Gifford *said: "I know what will happen* if he has a hard race. His owner, Jim Joel, will say 'enough is enough'."

Gifford reported that one of his other entries, Bright Dream, has recently been sold by Mr Joel to another of his owners, John Holmes, who specifically wanted a National runner.

Toby Balding stated that Lucky Vane (10st 2lb) was enjoying a holiday with *Jimmy Frost in Devon just* now and predicted: "He'll win." Terry Casey, too, was full of confidence about his Whitbread Trophy scorer, Glenrue, who has a tempting 10st 3lb.

While the bookmakers were offering, at the most, 12-1 West Tip, Mike Dillon, representing Ladbrokes, might have summed it up, saying: "At the moment, we go 10-1 West Tip, 20-1 bar, but on the day it wouldn't surprise me if this fellow is as low as 4-1."

Time to show leniency to overseas challenge

Bewley's Hill, the 1984 Maryland Cup winner, two Czechoslovakian hopes, Valencio and Zeleznik, and the French-trained Nupsala make up the overseas challenge for the Grand National, but with their automatic weight allocation of 12 stone they might just as well stay at home (Dick Hinder writes).

At a time when Flat racing is breaking down the barriers internationally, should we not be realizing the true potential of the National, acknowledged as the world's greatest steeplechase, by dealing a fairer hand to the foreign challenge?

Instead of the insistence of a three-race qualification, or one victory, to earn a handicap rating, a clause allowing overseas entries to carry a fair racing weight without qualification would bring an immediate response. *A reduction of at least 7lb would be a step towards taking them out of the realm of no-hopers.*

Two American Aintree heroes, *Jay Trump (1965) and Ben Nevis (1980), earned their glory by qualifying the hard way, but they were exceptional in having connections prepared to devote time and money to the achievement of their specific goal. Few foreign challengers have such advantages.*

The very nature of steeplechasing presents its own problems. American and French chasers, for example, are asked to jump a smaller obstacle more swiftly than their robust Iron Curtain counterparts. Total uniformity is unattainable but that should not preclude attempts to find some common ground.

To prevent 30 Czechoslovakian cart-horses queueing up outside the Aintree stables, why not run the National on the lines of the Japan Cup, with a restricted invitation of 10 meritorious contenders and nominated reserves to make up the 40-strong field?

Invitations would be on a national basis and if any country failed to send a horse the invitation *is forfeited* with the place taken by an additional home runner.

There is a wealth of talent among the accredited National *Hunt countries. Let's encourage* them to take part, competing on sporting terms, and make the Grand National an international spectacular every year.

Weights for the 98 Aintree entries

Burrough Hill Lad	11	12	0	Arctic Beau	9	10	2	Preben Fur	10	9	4	Eamons Owen	10	7	13
Bewley's Hill	10	12	0	Bold Agent	11	10	2	You're Welcome	11	9	4	Gortnahoe Boy	11	7	12
Nupsala	8	12	0	Lucky Vane	12	10	2	Marcolo	10	9	4	Brown Veil	12	7	11
Valencio	10	12	0	Jimbrook	10	10	1	Covent Garden	9	9	4	Lucky Rew	12	7	10
Zeleznik	9	12	0	Smith's Man	9	10	0	Greenbank Park	10	9	4	Manna Reef	9	7	9
West Tip	10	11	7	Durham Edition	9	10	0	Pollys Pal	9	9	3	Howarth Highway	11	7	9
The Thinker	9	11	6	Dark Ivy	11	10	0	Blackhawk Star	13	9	3	Master Tercel	11	7	9
Door Latch	9	11	4	Monamore	10	10	0	Brown Trix	9	9	3	Cranlome	9	7	8
By The Way	9	11	0	Strands Of Gold	8	10	0	Ballymilan	10	9	2	Le Bambino	10	7	8
Maori Venture	11	10	13	Mister Donovan	11	10	0	Why Forget	11	9	2	Basil's Choice	12	7	8
Plundering	10	10	11	Dalmore	9	9	13	Course Hunter	9	9	2	Lean Ort	9	7	6
Corbiere	12	10	10	Greasepaint	12	9	12	Bright Dream	11	9	1	Pat McGee	7	7	3
Hard Case	9	10	9	Double Venture	11	9	12	Little Polveir	10	9	0	Brit	8	7	3
Rainbow Warrior	10	10	9	Sign Again	9	9	12	Centre Attraction	8	9	0	Dr Pepper	10	7	2
Androma	10	10	8	Another City	8	9	11	Northern Bay	11	8	11	Spartan Orient	11	7	2
Lucisis	8	10	8	Knock Hill	11	9	11	Moe Greene	7	8	10	Sunlit River	10	7	1
Drumlargan	13	10	7	Darc Hansel	9	9	11	Kumon Sunshine	10	8	10	Colonel Christy	12	7	1
Attitude Adjuster	7	10	6	Macoliver	9	9	10	Quick Trip	8	8	10	Leney Dual	12	6	11
Young Driver	10	10	6	Smartside	12	9	10	Big Brown Bear	10	8	9	Southdown Spirit	11	6	11
Insure	9	10	5	The Ellier	11	9	9	Gala Prince	10	8	9	Mr Baker	9	6	9
Rhyme 'N' Reason	8	10	5	Straight Accord	12	9	9	Lord Leney	8	8	5	Hill Of Slane	11	6	4
The Tsarevich	11	10	5	Run To Me	12	9	9	Tacroy	13	8	5	Doubleuagain	13	6	3
Ballinacurra Lad	12	10	4	Lean Ar Aghaidh	10	9	6	Duncombe Prince	8	8	3	Major Knight	13	5	7
Classified	11	10	3	Hi Harry	9	9	6	Gearys Cold Rolled	10	7	13				
Glenrue	10	10	3	Tracys Special	10	9	5	Choice Of Critics	11	7	13				

(Next acceptance stage February 11).

Cagnes winner for Reid

The Spanish-trained Tropillero gave John Reid his first winner of the year at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes). Reid, champion at Cagnes in 1985, brought the Chilean-bred *colt with a well-timed run to* land the one-mile Prix de Juan-les-Pins, finishing 2½ lengths clear of Joy Princess.

Willie Hastings-Bass's Sovereign Love finished a creditable fourth under Richard Lines and can be expected to improve on that performance next time. Tropillero's victory provided Reid with compensation for his earlier defeat on Hellisharp Run.

The Martin Blackshaw-trained colt hit the front inside the distance in the five-furlong Prix de Draguignan only to be touched off by the locally-trained outsider, South Ken.

Robert Armstrong's Brown Bear Boy ran well to be third, while the other English runner, Grundy's Flame, made good late headway to be fourth.

The top French apprentice, Dominic Regnard, has been booked to ride Lester Piggott's representatives at the riviera meeting. Regnard has already travelled to Newmarket to acquaint himself with his likely mounts.

See You Then run still in doubt

The planned return of the dual champion, See You Then, in the Bonanza Jeans (formerly the Oteley) Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday remains in serious doubt.

His trainer, Nick Henderson, said *yesterday: "The grass* gallops are still frostbound and if I can't get any serious work on grass into him by early tomorrow, he won't run."

Henderson confirmed that his talented young chaser, First Bout, is a definite runner in the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase at Sandown on Friday.

● Scott Cunningham returns to the saddle at Wetherby on Saturday after 5½ months out of *the saddle. The 21-year-old* amateur rider has been restricted to just one mount this season — at Market Rasen on August 23 — because of injuries sustained in two separate falls

Hopes rise for Hereford to join Windsor

Racing seems sure to resume at Windsor today but Hereford *hinges on a 7.30am inspection.* John Williams, the clerk of the course, said: "The prospects are encouraging provided the thaw continues. The ground is soft with heavy patches and the last fence will be omitted."

Despite the thaw, tomorrow's meeting at Towcester remains in doubt. Drifted snow is still covering parts of the track and there are also areas of icy ground: Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, said: "The only thing that will move it is nature."

Tomorrow's other card, at *Lingfield, is subject to* a 2pm inspection. The clerk of the course, Michael Webster, said: "We are optimistic that racing will take place. The frost is coming out."

Yesterday's meeting at Leicester became the fiftieth casualty of the winter. The clerk of the course, Nick Lees, reported: "There is still frost in the *ground*."

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POINT-TO-POINT

Season can cast off on wave of optimism

By Brian Beel

The hunter chase season is due to open at Hereford today in spite of all the difficulties encountered by owners in trying to prepare their horses when, for most of January, the gallops were frozen.

Hopefully, the worst is now over and all the problems will soon be forgotten as the season warms up. Between now and the end of May, 198 point-to-points and 132 hunter chases are scheduled. *The Times* is entering sponsorship of point-to-point racing for the first time and we will be giving extensive coverage.

The popularity of the sport, both for performers and spectators, is at an all-time high. At 113 different venues last season a total of 176 meetings took place with 12,430 runners. This season, not only has the number of meetings gone up, but prize money has been increased to £200 for an open race and £125 for all others.

Sponsorship is in a healthy state both at local and national level, and the only fear is that a Labour Government would ban hunting and thus threaten the future of the hunts which promote point-to-point racing.

There are, as far as I am aware, no contingency plans to counter the threat. This is disturbing: point-to-pointing has already evolved sufficiently to stand on its own as a country sport and it must not be allowed to become a victim in the political arena.

As far as the sport's personalities are concerned, it will be particularly interesting to see how Amanda Harwood fares. Miss Harwood, aged 17, came so near to winning the women's riding championship in her first season and now she has added Only For Love to Red Shah and Lawn Meet, the pair who gave her all her successes last year.

Only For Love, bought from David Nicholson, for whom he won over hurdles and fences, started his career by winning an Irish point-to-point at the age of four. He is likely to be kept mainly for points, and starts his campaign at Tweseldown on Saturday.

Red Shah, on the other hand, will go hunter chasing after a couple of outings, the first of which is likely to be at Larkhill in 10 days' time. Ambitious plans for him include the four-miler at Cheltenham. Although joint-favourite with Jenny Pidgeon for the title, Miss Harwood has a far from easy task with her best horse moving up in class.

There will be no conscious effort on Alison Dare's part to defend the title she won so deservedly last season. Her attitude remains unchanged: if the winners pile up, she will be delighted; but she will miss meetings between the flags if there is an opportunity of picking up a hunter chase.

Fennelly, Dona Leaze and The Brandy Man have joined Dick Baimbridge's stable, for which she rides. Of these, Fennelly may be the most interesting prospect. Raced from Ledbury country last season, after an undistinguished period with Bob Champion under Rules, this nine-year-old ex-Irish gelding won a maiden race on his first outing at the rewarding odds of 8-1.

Mike Felton and David Naylor-Leyland both have the ammunition to challenge for the men's title. As well as those from his own yard, Felton will again be riding for John Dufosee and will partner some of Henrietta Knight's string of 18.

Four of these are unlikely to be offered to him, however, as they belong to Naylor-Leyland. The last-named also has five with John Porter, who has qualified 15 from his yard at Kintbury. One day, perhaps, a sponsor will come forward with a scheme to reward the top trainer or, as the Jockey Club would prefer, livery yard owner.

Followers of the sport will be better served than ever in the way of form publications this year for, in addition to that tome of historical information, Selby and Mackenzie's annual, *The Sporting Life Weekender* will be printing the results in a form-book format with comments on the running of most horses. Used in conjunction with Point-to-Point Index, this will provide an invaluable guide to the current ability of every horse.

Peter St John Bellis, who was so badly injured at the West Shropshire Drag Hunt meeting at Weston Park last season, has made some improvement but he is still without the use of his limbs.

Apart from several major fund-raising events during the summer, there will be opportunities to contribute to the St John Bellis Fund at every point-to-point in the north-western area this season. Meanwhile, donations can be sent to the St John Bellis Fund at Midland Bank plc, High Street, Brownhills, Walsall WS8 6HJ.

Two changes have been announced in *The Times* series of restricted open point-to-point races. The Tiverton Staghounds meeting at Bishopsleigh (Devon) will now be held on April 1, not March 7 as originally planned.

The March 7 fixture will now be held under the auspices of the Duke of Beaufort Hunt at Didmarton (Gloucestershire). The series opens with the Oxford Draghounds meeting at Kingston Blount on February 14.

TIMES SERIES DATES: March 7: Duke of Beaufort, Didmarton. March 14: Cumberland Farmers, Dalston; Flint & Denbigh, Eaton Hall. March 21: Cambridgeshire, Horseheath. March 28: Weston & Banwell, Nedge. April 1: Tiverton Staghounds, Bishopsleigh. April 4: Hampshire Hunt, Basingstoke; Essex, Marks Tey; Belvoir, Garthorpe. April 15: Axe Vale, Stafford Cross. April 18: Wheatland, Bitterley; Curre, Howick; Bedale, Bedale; Tetcott, Crimp; Ledbury, Maisemore Park; Linlithgow & Stirlingshire, Oatridge. April 20: S Pembrokeshire, Lydstep. East Kent, Aldington; Staintondale, Wykeham. April 25: Penlyrch, Llantwit Major; Staffordshire Moorland, Flagg Moor; Berks & Bucks Draghounds, Kingston Blount. May 2: Teme Valley, Brampton Bryan; Fernie, Dingley. May 4: West Street, Aldington.

YACHTING

Australians prepare to sever a fleeting bond with the 'Auld Mug'

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

As tee-shirt booths moved to clear their stock yesterday before today's fourth and perhaps final race to decide the America's Cup, Australians have woken up to the fact that the 'Auld Mug' Alan Bond brought back to Perth in 1983, is about to be repatriated.

The realization has brought a bitter reaction from some and relief to others as the full costs – and losses – of the having the Cup sink in.

The event has also attracted its fair share of cranks with the bomb hoax against Kookaburra on Monday and a death threat yesterday on American skipper Dennis Conner.

An anonymous telephone caller rang the Melbourne television studio of Channel 10 at 2.40 a.m. saying that he was heading for Fremantle, 1,500 miles away, to kill Conner and prevent the loss of the trophy to the United States.

"I'm taking it seriously," the Stars and Stripes skipper said yesterday from inside the grilled front gate to the heavily fortified American camp before heading out to test more light weather sails, while the beleagured Australians under Iain Murray made every effort ashore to re-group in the face of almost insurmountable odds.

"The forecast today is for 14 to 18 knot winds increasing to 20 knots in the afternoon – conditions that the San Diego challenger performs best in – and barring breakages or an act of God, the Americans can be expected to bring the curtain down on this five-month long event.

Meanwhile, the Kookaburra syndicate has announced that it will almost double its budget to £23 million for the next campaign.

Kevin Parry, chairman of the Taskforce 87 Kookaburra syndicate, said most of the money would go towards further research and development in hull shapes and sail configurations.

The work would include programmes unable to be completed before the current contest, for which the Taskforce syndicate had a budget of £13 million.

"The America's Cup is more than a great international sporting event," Parry said. "It is a matter of nations competing in the world of new technology."

To this end he had approached the Australian Government yesterday requesting that the syndicate's 1990 programme be classified as research and development, thus attracting a 150 per cent tax deduction for new technology of this nature. The deputy chairman, Ken Court, later said the syndicate was seeking to expand its role into a national endeavour.

Court said the syndicate's preferred route to the next cup – whether or not Kookaburra III, already down 3-0, loses here – would be as the sole Australian contender.

With well funded countries such as Japan and West Germany in the next cup, the high technology race was likely to be too costly for more than one Australian syndicate to contemplate.

Court added that the syndicate would ask Royal Perth Yacht Club to assign it any residual commercial rights when the racing here is over, and said he expected the club would attempt to "arrange a merger with the other Australian camps. Court said the syndicate had not yet signed up the key people for its next campaign.

But he said Kookaburra III skipper Iain Murray had indicated he again wanted to be part of the team, though on the technology side rather than the day-to-day sailing.

Bids for a 'circus'

The 12-Metre Class Association yesterday called for bids from City or coastal resorts anywhere in the world to host the 1988 12-metre world championship (Barry Pickthall writes).

The Assocation, who now plan to play a stronger organizational role in controlling 12-metre rules and events such as the America's Cup, are looking for a resort – such as Brighton, Torquay or Falmouth – to host and sponsor a five-week long event of fleet racing incorporating full sponsorship of the boats and event.

"What we are looking for is a venue prepared to provide the cost of shipping the boats and flying 25 crews from each syndicate to the event," the British skipper, Harold Cudmore, said yesterday. "It will be just like a Formula One grand prix and whoever wants the event, perhaps to test interest in a future America's Cup challenge, must pay for the circus to come to town."

According to Cudmore, the costs to a European host would be about £3 million – and £4.5 million to countries further afield such as Japan

MOTOR RACING

New Lotus team: Lester W. Pullen (right), the chairman of sponsors R J Reynolds, congratulates No. 1 driver, Ayrton Senna (in car), No. 2 driver, Satoru Nakajima, and (left) designer Gerard Ducarouge (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Lotus experiment with a new formula

By John Blunsden

A new chapter in the 30-year history of Team Lotus's involvement in grand prix racing began yesterday when Peter Warr, the team director, introduced their new challenger for the 1987 season, the Camel Lotus-Honda 99T.

Gone was the familiar John Player black-and-gold colour scheme which the cars have worn since 1972 apart from two short breaks when first Martini and then Essex Petroleum held centre stage amongst the Lotus sponsors. In its place, the new team colours are yellow and blue, signifying the beginning of a two-year sponsorship agreement with the international tobacco company R J Reynolds for the promotion of their Camel cigarette brand.

But Lotus are approaching the coming season with much more than a new set of colours and new financing. The 99T is a new car from their talented chief designer, Gerard Ducarouge, with a revised chassis and bodywork, a different rear suspension and a new six-speed gearbox to cope with the high-revving characteristics of the Honda V6 engine which hitherto has only been used by the Williams team.

Ayrton Senna, the immensely skilled Lotus No. 1 driver has a new driving partner in Satoru Nakajima. The 33-year-old Japanese driver has been racing since 1973, and in an intensive career he has accumulated five Japanese Formula 2 Championships, has competed at Le Mans, and last season drove in Formula 5000.

Nakajima is no stranger to Formula One cars or to the Honda engine, having been engaged by Honda and Williams for most of their testing work in Japan over the past season. His contribution to the team, therefore, should be considerable in the development stage of the new car while his racing goal for 1987 is a modest one: "I would like to win my first World Championship point this year," he said.

Two of the five Lotus-Hondas scheduled for completion have already been built and the finishing touches are being put to a third this week. One car is now on its way to Paris for initial wind-tunnel tests, and it will be given its first circuit test next week when it returns to England.

Although Reynolds' sponsorship of the team is initially for two seasons, the company's chairman and chief executive Lester W. Pullen sees the new partnership as the beginning of a long-term association. "Although Team Lotus has long been associated with the backing of a British-based company, I see grand prix racing as an ideal marketing platform for a multi-national involved in markets throughout the world. The British grand prix, where, incidentally, we intend to conform in every way with the advertising restrictions involved with sports sponsorship in this country, is only one of 17 races on the calendar and we have to take the global view when considering a major agreement of this type."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Dewsbury make light of problem

By Keith Macklin

Dewsbury are to hire emergency floodlighting in order to play their postponed Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie with St Helens tomorrow night. Without proper lights, Dewsbury would have had to settle for an afternoon kick-off with a corresponding loss at the gate, or switching the tie to St Helens. The hire of the lighting equipment will cost the club nearly £500.

Roy Haggerty, the St Helens second row forward, is able to play in the tie despite having to join the Great Britain party on Friday morning for the second Whitbread Trophy international with France at Carcassonne next Sunday.

David Howes, the public relations officer of the Rugby League, said that other members of the Great Britain squad had been cleared to play in postponed club matches, and it would have been unfair to rule out Haggerty.

Dean Bell, Wigan's New Zealand international centre, has been offered a new three-year contract with the club. Wigan have been installed by Corals, the bookmakers, as 9-4 favourites to win the Stones Bitter premiership, with St Helens and Warrington second-favourites at 7-2.

● Blackpool Borough have been given permission to put back their Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round tie against Wakefield Trinity to next week, after tonight's scheduled game was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch at Bloomfield Road.

The Rugby League's first reaction was to order Blackpool to stage the game by Thursday, but they relented and the tie is now arranged for Tuesday, February 10 (8 p.m.).

MOTOR RALLYING

Astronaut in adventure up the Amazon

Caracas (Reuter) – Scott Carpenter, the former United States astronaut, is now involved in a different sort of adventure – the first motor rally through the Amazon jungle.

Carpenter, aged 61, is among the organizers of the Trans-Amazon rally, planned for three weeks in November, who hope an entry of 540 vehicles will tackle the 10,000-kilometre journey from Caracas to Buenos Aires. Billed as "one of the most spectacular and difficult racing events ever created," the organizers hope the Trans-Amazon will become an annual event like the Paris-Dakar rally.

Although logistics and the route have not been finalized, promotion is in full swing in North and South America.

In case of accidents, drivers will be accompanied by 31 support vehicles, including 10 ambulances. Four helicopters will fly over the route and a jet will be waiting to provide emergency medical assistance at each nearby airport. The prospect of 600 vehicles charging through the Amazon's fragile ecosystem is bound to raise environmentalists' hackles.

But Jean-Pierre insisted that the drivers will be bound to obey the rules regarding the environment, or face disqualification.

SKIING

Walliser goes on the attack to capture her second gold

Crans Montana (Reuter) – Maria Walliser, of Switzerland, threw caution the wind to seize a second gold medal yesterday, winning the women's super-giant slalom at the world Alpine championships.

Her Swiss compatriot, Michela Figini, took the silver medal, as she did behind Walliser in Sunday's downhill, and Mateja Svet won the bronze, Yugoslavia's first medal of the championships.

The tight turns of the steep Chetzeron piste had not been expected to suit Walliser's aggressive style. But, starting fourth, she stormed down the slope, taking risks on every turn in a breathtaking display of ski control.

She clocked 1min 19.17sec to finish 1.01sec ahead of her arch rival, Figini. "I knew I had to go for it and just about everything I tried came off," she said. "I never believed I could win two golds. It's an amazing feeling.

"It was a very, very difficult course. I made some mistakes at the top but was much happier with my performance lower down. It would be terrific if I could get a third gold medal in the giant slalom and I feel so good at the moment that anything is possible."

Her victory means Switzerland have won five of the six gold medals at the championships so far and Figini's silver gives the host country 10 out of 18 medals.

Figini, starting eleventh, also proved that fortune favoured the bold on the 1,435-metres long piste with 39 gates and a drop of 459 metres. She made several mistakes in a hair-raising run but her aggression helped her snatch the silver from Svet by just 0.05sec.

Walliser: Aggressive display

It was a disappointing race for the highly rated West German team. Their top finisher, Michaela Gerg, was down in eighth place and one of the race favourites Marina Kiehl failed to finish after hitting some undergrowth showing through the snow.

Meanwhile, Markus Wasmeier, of West Germany, will attempt to repeat the victory which brought him to international prominence when he races in today's men's giant slalom.

Wasmeier emerged as a major force on the circuit when he surprisingly beat Pirmin Zurbriggen at the last world championships in Bormio, Italy, two years ago. The Swiss skier had to settle for silver in 1985 but his form so far in these championships – one gold and two silver medals – bodes ill for his close friend Wasmeier who has yet to recover fully from damaged knee ligaments.

Zurbriggen took some revenge for his defeat in Bormio by grabbing gold in Wasmeier's best event, the super-giant. The Bavarian settled for bronze which he considered a good result in view of the state of the course.

"The course was poorly prepared. I hope for the giant slalom it will be better and the chances for all will be more even," the 23-year-old West German said.

Sweden's veteran Ingemar Stenmark, five times Olympic and world champion, who has won a record 45 giant slaloms in the World Cup, can never be ruled out and has a useful habit of grabbing the spotlight on the big occasion.

RESULTS: 1, M Walliser (Switz), 1min 19.17sec; 2, M Figini (Switz), 1:20.18; 3, M Svet (Yug), 1:20.23; 4, V Schneider (Switz), 1:20.25; 5, S Eder (Austria), 1:20.65; 6, D Armstrong (US), 1:21.07; 7, S Wolf (Austria), 1:21.38; 8, M Gerg (WG), 1:21.40; 9, B Oertli (Switz), 1:21.72; 10, B Fernandez Ochoa (Sp), 1:21.73; 11, L Graham (Can), 1:21.77; 12, C Merle (Fr), 1:22.23; 13, T Haecher (WG), 1:22.27; 14=, R Moesenlechner (WG), E Twardokens (US), 1:22.35. British placings: 34, W Lumby, 1:25.45; 41, C Booth, 1:29.13.

Medals table

	G	S	B	Total
Switzerland	5	4	1	10
Luxembourg	1	1	0	2
Austria	0	1	1	2
West Germany	0	0	2	2
United States	0	0	1	1
Yugoslavia	0	0	1	1

SQUASH RACKETS

Harvey has come out of hiding

By Colin McQuillan

Two years ago, Neil Harvey was living in Madrid with a serious groin injury and a fear that his competitive career was over. But yesterday, he revelled in his straight-games contribution to a 5-0 win by InterCity Cannons over Halls West County in the American Express premier league and talked of the professional possibilities ahead of him.

From day-to-day coaching in Spain throughout 1985 and 1986, Harvey, aged 27, has worked his way up to first string for Cannons in next week's vital fixture against Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill and laid the foundations of a business venture, which is already the envy of the game.

He was a much-respected player and regular Essex champion until his injury. Coaching in Spain was a way of earning a living without competitive stress and, last season, he flew to London each week for an outing at top string for Cannons.

This year he moved back permanently and set up with Ian Robinson, the former Yorkshire champion and England international, in a glass court promotion and hire business. "The move has changed the whole foundation of my life," Harvey said yesterday after beating Cerryg Jones, the West Country second string.

Last week, he overwhelmed Martin Bodimeade, the England No 5; this week it was Jones, the Welsh No 1. Next week he faces Phil Kenyon.

RESULTS: InterCity Cannons 5, Halls West County 0. R Norman bt R Martin, 9-4, 9-5, 9-4; N Harvey bt C Jones, 9-1, 9-1, 9-2; J Hickox bt R Owen, 9-2, 9-7, 9-1; D Lee bt J Cornish, 8-10, 10-8, 7-9, 9-3, 9-5; N Stiles bt D Poole, 7-9, 9-6, 9-7, 4-9, 9-4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Fourth round replays
QPR v Luton
Sheffield Wed v Chester

Scottish FA Cup
Second round
Albion v Whitehill

Third round
Dundee v East Fife
Meadowbank v Ayr

Third round replays
Airdrieonians v Dundee United
Celtic v Aberdeen
Dumbarton v Brechin
Kilmarnock v Hearts

Scottish second division
Stranraer v Stenhsmuir

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Coventry City v Leicester City; Sunderland v Hull. Second division: Darlington v Scunthorpe (7.30); Doncaster v Bolton (6.30); Grimsby v Blackpool; Port Vale v Rotherham; West Bromwich v Stoke; Wigan v Barnsley; York v Huddersfield (7.30).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Ipswich; Oxford United v Charlton.

MACBAR SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Newport County v Cardiff City; Shrewsbury v Swansea City.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round replay: Oswestry v Alvechurch.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Weymouth v Maidstone.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Burton v Caernarfon; Southport v Workington. Postponed: South Liverpool v Burton.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Shepshed Charterhouse v Aylesbury. Southern division: Poole v Ruislip.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Collier Row v Rainham.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third round: Farnborough v Bournemouth.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Brimsdown v Feltham (at Cheshunt FC).

SOMERSET SENIOR CUP: Third round: Yeovil v Radstock.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury v Ely; Chatteris v Histon.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham v Mangotsfield; Exmouth v Bideford; Chard v Liskeard.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Raunds v Irthlingborough.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Portsmouth RN v Newport. Russell Cotes Cup: Petersfield v Portals; Romsey v Bass (Alton).

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Army v Cambridge University (at Military stadium, Aldershot, 2.30); Oxford University v Royal Navy (3.0); British Polytechnics XV v University College, London (at Motspur Park, 2.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Coventry v Lichfield (7.15); Cross Keys v Newbridge (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Llanelli (7.15); Swansea v Penarth (7.0).

HOSPITAL'S CUP (2.30): First round replay: St George's v King's College. Second round: Charing Cross/Westminster v London; University College Hospital/Middlesex v St Thomas's; Royal Free v Guy's.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP: First round: Bramley v Hull; Featherstone v Hunslet; Huddersfield v Whitehaven; Oldham v Wigan; Rochdale v Carlisle (7.45); Runcorn v Leigh.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division (8.0): Alphaprint Hemel and Watford Royals v Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates; Leicester Riders v Sharp Manchester United; Draper Tools Solent Stars v Team Polycell Kingston.

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor satellite circuit (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

GOLF

America beckons for Ballesteros

By Mitchell Platts

Severiano Ballesteros is poised to unleash his power on the United States PGA Tour sooner than expected. The Spaniard, banned from competing in regular events in the United States last year, had pencilled in the Doral Open, starting in Miami, Florida, on February 26, for his return.

But Ballesteros could make an eleventh hour change of plan in order to compete in the Andy Williams Open in San Diego next week or the Los Angeles Open the following week.

Joe Collet, Ballesteros's new full-time manager, said: "Seve is so keen to start that he is thinking of going to California and if he commits himself for the San Diego event, he will move straight on to Los Angeles. He's mentally on top of his game and is feeling as strong as a bull. Seve is going to give Greg Norman one heck of a time around the world this year."

Ballesteros won six European events en route to heading the Epson Order of Merit in 1986, but in global terms he was overshadowed by Norman. The Australian won 10 tournaments, including the Open championship at Turnberry, and he has a commanding lead in the Sony world rankings.

The problem for Ballesteros is that he can still compete in only five regular US Tour events unless he accepts full membership which would lead to him being compelled to play in a minimum of 15 tournaments.

"Seve feels that 15 is too many," added Collet. "His priority in 1987 is the major championships but after that it is to support the European Tour. He simply cannot be in two places at the same time."

Ballesteros has already indicated his desire to support golf in his native Spain by confirming that he will return home following the Doral event in order to play two tournaments, including one in which he will partner his brother, Vicente.

If he elects to compete in California, Ballesteros will play five tournaments in succession and then take a one-week break before teeing-up in the Tournament Players' championship at Ponte Vedra, Florida, two weeks before the US Masters. His first PGA European Tour event of this season is likely to be the Madrid Open although Collet stressed that the golfer has not yet finalized his programme following Augusta.

British pair return to challenge S Africans

From Paul Martin, Cape Town

Only one British golfer, Tommy Horton in 1970, has ever won the South African Open, for decades the virtual monopoly first of Bobby Locke, then Gary Player. The two Britons who came closest to depriving the little man in black of his annual trophy are, however, in the field for this year's Open, beginning here today.

Warren Humphreys, who lost a play-off in 1981, and Ian Mosey, who, after missing a putt for the title, also made a mess of a tiddler to deny himself a play-off two years earlier, are part of a British contingent of 18 who have qualified – one of the strongest ever challenges mounted from the British Isles.

The big prize awaiting this week's winner is automatic selection for the lucrative World Series of Golf in the United States, victory in which would assure 10 years' entry to all US Tour events.

The chances of British success are greater in Cape Town, where blustery south-easterly winds and heavier than usual rainfall make this course less alien than those in the still, hard, flat interior, from which most of South Africa's best golfers have emerged.

Mark James in particular could find the conditions to his liking. Though he won a European Tour event last year, he has flopped in his three tournaments since the Sunshine Circuit organizers paid his fare across here. He suffered the ignominy two weeks ago of missing the putt at the PGA in Johannesburg, the other tournament that opens the door to the World Series.

Once again Humphreys is the Briton in form, though, lying 13th in the South African order of merit. He seems to reserve his best golf for the southern sunshine, in the company of his South African-born wife and children. Mosey, nine places lower down, has recovered his fitness after being injured in a car accident last year.

The favourite is Mark McNulty, sixth on the European Tour list last year. The Rhodesian-born South African had a run of five tournament wins in a row, starting with the last European Tour event, the Portuguese Open, and including a $300,000 (about £200,000) first prize in the Sun City Million Dollar Challenge. McNulty is desperate to break into the American Tour and this week's championship is his best chance to date.

Credit card for clubs

In the age of the credit-card boom, golfers will shortly be able to cash in with their own piece of plastic. Pacific Holdings, one of the largest American banks, yesterday launched a card which will be available to all golf-club members in Britain.

Holders will be able to pay club subscriptions and green fees, and buy equipment from their professional's shop in the same manner as with an ordinary credit card.

But the main beneficiaries are expected to be the club secretaries, who will receive a full year's membership fees direct from the bank, and professionals, who escape the normal interest charges – up to four-and-a-half per cent – on credit cards.

The card, named *Golf Plus*, is expected to be available around Easter. All golf clubs are now being sent information about the scheme.

Roger Brady, the general manager of Golf Financial Services, said: "This will enable players to spread their outlay over a period of months." The average club golfer spends around £850 on the sport each year.

TENNIS

Blue skies behind Shaw's win

By Richard Evans

A week ago Stephen Shaw was practising with John Lloyd at the new £80 million Grand Champions resort at Indian Wells in the Californian desert. Nice life, being a professional tennis player.

True. But that was last week. Yesterday Shaw, after two desperately disappointing years on the pro tour, was facing the reality of a cold English dawn at the Queen's Club playing – and winning – his second round match against the 19-year-old Cheshire player Austen Brice, 6-2, 6-2, in the second round of the LTA indoor satellite circuit.

"Normally I'm not too keen on early morning matches," admitted Shaw. "But I felt pretty good. Maybe the diet is having some effect."

Like Lloyd, Shaw put himself on a diet recommended by a Los Angeles nutritionist two weeks ago as part of a new commitment to his career.

"Apart from the state of my head, I had various physical problems last week which didn't help," said Shaw. "But basically I just wasn't enjoying my tennis. There was a lot happening off court which didn't help either."

The off-court problems included separation from his girlfriend, Sue Barker, and that kind of listless pessimism that seems to creep up on so many British players as they struggle to come to terms with the reality of international competition.

"The blue skies of California certainly help your attitude," said Shaw. "John and I were working out in a gym and every morning you just felt like getting up and doing something. I was only out there two weeks laying some very basic groundwork for what I hope to achieve but I have a much clearer idea of where I want to go now."

Financially, Shaw is going to have to count the pennies because the millionaire lifestyle, which friends like Lloyd can provide periodically, is an illusion for a 24-year-old player ranked 258 on the ATP computer.

"Hopefully, playing for Woking in the new tennis league will help finance trips to Europe for some grand prix qualifying tournaments," Shaw said. "But basically it's a week-to-week proposition. The money's around but you have to win, and to win you have to be prepared both mentally and physically.

So far Shaw has earned £125 for reaching the quarter-finals at Queen's and even if he were to go on and win all four tournaments – a virtually impossible feat for anyone considering the strength of the entry – the maximum he could expect for a month's singles play would be £2,400. Once tax and living expenses are deducted that doesn't leave much for air fares to California.

But if this is recognized as the pauper's end of the dollar-laden tennis circuit, everything is relative. Man for man, winners on this satellite will be better paid on a weekly basis than many of England's cricket team, sweating it out through their endless Australian summer. The reality, as Steve Shaw has discovered has to do with hard graft.

RESULTS: Singles: Second round: M Tawson (Den) bt F Errard (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; M Gustavsson (Swe) bt A Kohlberg (US), 6-3, 6-0; S Shaw (Middx) bt A Brice (Cheshire), 6-2, 6-2; G Engel (Swe) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 7-5, 6-3; S Botfield (Essex) bt L Wahlgren (Swe), 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; O Delaitre (Fra) bt S Mezzadri (Switz) 6-3, 6-1; P Fleming (USA) bt H Shirato (Jap) 6-3, 7-6; S Bale (Middx) bt B Levine (SA) 6-2, 6-4.

FOOTBALL

Snodin on standby for quick recall

Glynn Snodin, the elder brother of Everton's recent £840,000 signing Ian Snodin, is set for a recall for **Sheffield Wednesday** in tonight's FA Cup fourth round replay against Chester City at Hillsborough.

Snodin is likely to replace the Northern Ireland full back Nigel Worthington, who strained a hamstring in training yesterday. But Lee Chapman, a forward, who picked up a minor knock in Saturday's 1-1 draw, will be able to play.

It will be a special occasion for Martin Hodge, Sheffield Wednesday's goalkeeper and captain, who celebrates his 28th birthday and he makes his 190th consecutive first team appearance, beating the previous club record set by Mark Hooper, a winger, before the Second World War.

Chester, regretting early missed chances on Saturday, will be unchanged, with Harry McNally, the fourth division club's manager, admitting: "It's going to be harder now. They have had a look at us and will be in front of their own fans." Wednesday have the added incentive of a potential derby against **Sheffield United** if they win. But United also have a hurdle to cross – they must win their own fourth round tie against **West Ham United** at Upton Park next Monday.

Luton Town, never beaten on **Queen's Park Rangers'** artificial pitch, expect transfer-seeking Ricky Hill to recover from a minor knock and play in tonight's other replay. Rangers wait on fitness checks to Warren Neill and Robbie James, who have both had colds.

Bryan Robson, the **Manchester United** captain, could be back in the side at **Charlton Athletic** on Saturday. He made a successful, if unspectacular, comeback in a reserve team friendly at Macclesfield on Monday. Robson, out for the past five weeks with a hamstring injury, said afterwards: "There were no problems with the injury. I feel okay."

United will be without Norman Whiteside, who starts a two-match suspension, and Alex Ferguson, the manager, may feel that Robson is fit enough to return. Nico Claesen, the **Tottenham Hotspur** forward, has pulled out of Belgium's squad for their friendly international against to Portugal in Braga tonight. The former Standard Liege forward injured a calf muscle in Tottenham's 5-0 victory over West Ham in the Littlewoods Cup fifth round replay on Monday.

IN BRIEF

Ovett too ill for Dallas race

Steve Ovett, Britain's 800m gold medallist in the 1980 Olympics, has withdrawn from Saturday's indoor Grand Prix athletics meeting because of illness. He finished last in the mile in Friday's Millrose Games in New York – his first indoor appearance since 1975 – and complained that influenza had affected his performance.

Quarrie clinic

Don Quarrie, Jamaica's former Olympic 200m champion, will run a series of coaching clinics for top British women sprinters next week. Quarrie, who retired in 1981, visits Wigan, Edinburgh and Swansea.

Allcock tipped

Tony Allcock, the England bowls international, is 3-1 favourite with Ladbrokes to win the Embassy World Championship title at Coatbridge, near Glasgow, starting on Saturday.

Training break

Bill Gosbee, Britain's Olympic fencing hope, returns London from four months of intensive training in West Germany, to compete in the Leon Paul Cup, an international foil event this week.

Run record

A record 292 clubs, with more than 2,000 runners, have entered the English Cross Country Union's senior championships, to be held at Stopsley Park, Luton, on February 21.

Curling chief

Mrs Jane Sanderson has been appointed the first director of coaching and development by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, the governing body of the sport in Scotland.

Visa appeal

The West German Table Tennis Federation have appealed to India to grant visas to the Israeli team, following press reports that they might be barred from the World Championships, to be held at the end of the month in Delhi.

Kim in upset

Grace Kim, the unseeded American ranked 84th in the world, shrugged off a cold to beat her compatriot, the third seed, Pam Casale, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a women's tournament at Wichita, Kansas yesterday. Wendy White, the American champion, easily beat Claudia Porwick of West Germany.

Purcell reward

Mel Purcell, of the United States, beat South Africa's Christo Steyn, 6-3, 6-1, in the first round of the US Professional Indoor Championship, to earn a second-round meeting with John McEnroe.

Final choice

Lester Shapter, of Torquay, will referee the Littlewoods Cup football final at Wembley Stadium on April 5.

Intransigent officials expected to confirm Swede's ineligibility for Winter Olympics

Stenmark is philosophical about a nonsense world

From David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, Crans Montana

One of the greatest contemporary figures of world sport takes to the slopes here today with almost a smile of disdain on his face. With the Olympic Games over-run by legitimized professionalism, the international skiing federation (FIS), which has had professional amateurs longer than any sport, is bent on excluding the legendary Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden from next year's Games in Calgary.

They have law, but not common sense, on their side: more specifically they have a slip of paper called a B licence, which Stenmark willingly signed after his double gold medal triumph in slalom and giant slalom at Lake Placid in 1980, entitling him to wider freedom in commercial contracts on condition that he stayed out of subsequent Olympic Games.

Inevitably the changes which have taken place since 1980 make the intransigence of FIS – which is expected to confirm Stenmark's ineligibility in May – totally unrealistic. Stenmark's is the only B licence now in existence. Swiss and Austrian skiers, such as Zurbriggen, are on more lucrative equipment and merchandised contracts than is Stenmark.

Nothing could be more irrational than that Boris Becker should compete in Seoul and Stenmark should be barred by an out-of-date, irrelevant licence, from Calgary. Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, has said Stenmark would be welcome.

"I have no regrets about what I did in 1980," Stenmark said, "although amateur sports have become more and more professional, and the Olympics should let everyone participate.

A man at peace with the world

"The Swedish Skiing Federation (SSF) has sent a letter of application to FIS, but I expect it will be impossible for me to compete in Calgary."

Stenmark will be 31 next month. He is at peace with himself and the world. He regards officialdom as old-fashioned and too difficult to understand to make it worth negotiating. It is hard to tell whether the expression in those deep-set eyes is of scorn or sympathy. His unmistakable inference is that skiing, unlike, say, athletics or soccer, is a minor sport among a handful of European nations being controlled by vested interests, which exclude Sweden.

The irony of Stenmark's position is that he signed the licence not to increase his income but to reduce his tax, by avoiding having his contracts and payments channelled through his national federation – which, none the less, has to approve all his contracts. In professional terms, there is no difference: he wonders if FIS is being spiteful.

His skiing record is awesome: 83 world cup victories in 13 years during which he was champion three times, runner-up five times and only once, in his first season of 1974, out of the top six. He currently lies fourth behind Zurbriggen, Wasmeier of West Germany, and Gasboz of Switzerland. His peak, he considers, was in 1979, when he won all 10 giant slaloms.

"There is no way to define why that should have happened that year," he said. "It is just that it is impossible to stay on such a level mentally. Your mind cannot cope.

Now he competes for pleasure, still trying flat out in every race, yet relaxed. This season he has had a first, a second and two thirds. The giant slalom today, the slalom on Sunday and the remaining four races of the season will determine if he retires now or at the end of next year.

When he first moved to Monte Carlo, three years after Bjorn Borg had taken the same path to tax avoidance, he found himself alienated among his own people and criticized by the media. "It is strange," he reflects, "how the media help to create your fame as you rise to the top and when you get there set about taking it to pieces with their criticisms. I was fortunate – it was not as bad as for Borg. Now people have begun to understand why we moved."

Late acceptance as a national figure

There is no bitterness in his mood. He smiles at the fact that his ultimate acceptance as a national figure came only last season when, after nearly two years without a victory, he won again at La Villa in northern Italy. "They had said I was finished once. Winning at La Villa gave me freedom. They cannot put you in the electric chair twice!"

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Stenmark: meeting in May likely to be bar him because of a unique licence which is out-of-date and irrelevant

Foundation to assess athleticism in scholars

By John Goodbody

The Sports Scholarship Foundation, who is to act as a 'broker' between talented young Britons and American universities was announced in London yesterday. Up to 150 more youths may go to the United States this year in scholarships for football, basketball and tennis.

The physical ability of the prospective students will be assessed in July at Oxford University. Some irony is apparentbecause Oxford have just survived the mutiny of its Boat Race crew by American students who are here on postgraduate work.

About 150 American coaches, all on recruitment tours for their institutions, are expected to attend the screening this summer.

The Foundation, who is seeking sponsorship and hopes eventually to set up sports scholarships at British universities, will offer an information service to schools, sports centres and individuals on available scholarships in the United States. It will advise on the eligibility and provide counselling for prospective students.

Although the Foundation stressed that American universities were concerned with academic standards of students on sports scholarships, the admission requirements for many colleges of five O'levels are far below that demanded in Britain. At least two and invariably three A'levels are needed for universities here.

Many of Britain's leading sportsmen in recent years like David Wilkie, David Hemery and Duncan Goodhew, all Olympic champions, graduated from American universities. But the Foundation is an attempt to increase the number of opportunities for Britons in a variety of sports. Scholarships for golf, swimming and athletics and even American football will also be given in future years.

Football seems at first a curious sport to have chosen since almost any players of prodigious gifts have been spotted by league clubs and will be professional by university age.

But Ron Pickering, the television commentator and a trustee of the Foundation explained "We realise this. But we want good footballers who also want to be academics".

The plan has had a "limited" response from the governing bodies – the Lawn Tennis Association, Football Association and English Basketball Association. As Pickering says "we did not expect to be greeted with open arms."

There is perhaps the fear that once attracted to the United States many prospective champions will never return. However there is little doubt that for many dedicated competitors, with some intellectual ability an American university can help them both to fulfill their physical potential and to obtain an education.

ICE SKATING

Robinson goes up in smoke

From Michael Coleman
Sarajevo

The hierarchy of men's figure skating slotted into their expected places when the European championships opened in this chain-smoking capital of the Bosnia-Herzegovinan republic yesterday.

Sarajevo seems very low key after the brilliance of the Olympics two years ago, the cigarette fumes adding to the greyness. But the championships had put on a brave face.

It was not a clear-cut victory in the figures for the Soviet favourite, Aleksandr Fadeyev, as had been expected, the challenge emerging on the third figure, the loop, from Richard Zander, of West Germany. Zander, won this to achieve an eventual honorable fourth place, but behind the two other Soviet competitors, who are heading for a triple victory for that camp.

Like Fadeyev, Vladimir Kotin, most people's heartthrob, also slumped on the loop but at the end of the contest held second place ahead of his Ukrainian colleague, Viktor Petrenko.

For one intoxicating hour or so it began to look as if Paul Robinson was going to finish ninth, which would have been the highest place a British male skater has enjoyed since Robin Cousins was around. An eleventh after the first figure, the counter inside, and tenth on the bracket earned him an overall ninth place of the 23 competitors, which, believe me, is progress.

British hopes were shattered when he slumped to fourteenth in the loop, ending up in a final eleventh position. He will need to recover ground in today's second part of the men's contest, the short programme.

This morning it will be the turn of the dancers to go into the Sarajevo mincer with the compulsories. What comes out must inevitably have a Soviet topping with the dynamic Natalya Bestemianova and her partner, Andrei Bukin, determined to drop no titles before their ultimate goal, the Olympic gold at Calgary, the only award to have escaped them.

RESULTS: Men's Compulsory Figures: 1, A Fadeyev (USSR), 14 judges' placements, 0.6 factored placements; 2, V Cotin (USSR) 27, 1.2; 3, V Petrenko (USSR) 28, 1.8; 4, R Zander (WG) 30, 2.4; 5, G Filipowskin (Pol) 43, 3.0; 6, F Harpagen (Fr) 60, 3.6; 7, F Kirsten (EG) 63, 4.2; 8, O Hoener (Switz) 61, 4.8; 9, P Barnel (Cz) 90, 5.4; 10, R Burghart (Austria) 92, 6.0. **British:** 11, P Robinson 96, 6.6.

CRICKET: STORMY OPENING IN MADRAS AND A COLLAPSE IN COLOMBO

Series opens with controversy

From Richard Streeton, Madras

Fine stroke-play by Shoaib Mohammad and Javed Miandad threatened to put Pakistan in command when the first Test match began here yesterday. India, though, made up lost ground when they took three wickets after tea and Pakistan were 247 for five by the close.

Shoaib, who made his first Test hundred, and Miandad, with 94, showed mastery and timing on a pitch which yielded increasing turn for the spinners.

Sadly, the series had not been under way four hours before the first clash came between players and umpires. After Srikkanth, at short leg, had an appeal for a *tumbling catch against Miandad* rejected, he angrily hurled the ball in the direction of the umpire at the bowler's end, V. K. Ramaswamy. The ball passed, on the ground, within a foot of the umpire and brought two overthrows, which the official coolly, and correctly, signalled as leg-byes.

Before Yadav could bowl the next ball, Vengsarkar, at silly point, clearly made a remark and Mr Ramaswamy walked over and spoke to him. Shastri, leading India while Kapil Dev was off the field, joined the two men before play resumed.

During the tea interval, Mr Haseeb Ahsan, the chairman of Pakistan selectors, who is accompanying the team, said: "This was a deplorable and disgraceful incident. There was a lot of swearing going on and these tactics, used by India, put pressure on the umpires, which is unfair. Indian umpires should get together and take a serious view of these incidents."

After play, Mr Ramaswamy said he had been unsighted by Yadav, who had previously been warned that he was obstructing the umpire's view as he followed through. "I don't know whether the ball hit the bat but it certainly hit the pad. I do not feel strongly about Srikkanth's action as it happened in the heat of the moment and he apologized immediately afterwards."

Shoaib and Miandad, who added 155 together in three hours for the third wicket, maintained their team's scoring rate at more than three runs an over in spite of early setbacks. Rizwan-uz-Zaman was caught behind in the second over, trying to square cut a lifting ball, but Pakistan still passed 50 in the twelfth over. Rameez Raja played some sparkling shots before he gave short leg a catch after a drinks' break.

Miandad's first scoring stroke was an on-driven six off Yadav though, after this, he kept his more ambitious strokes in check. It was Shoaib who was *the surprise as he deserted his* usual, solid approach and drove through the covers and forced runs off his legs with unusual freedom. Both men made room to cut the spinners frequently and looked full of confidence.

This was Shoaib's seventh Test match and, by Pakistan standards, he is, at 25, a late developer. He has not always found it easy, apparently, to live up to expectations aroused by the family name. He has several of the mannerisms of his father, Hanif, including touching the back of his cap after most balls.

Two sets of Pakistan father and sons have now made Test centuries against India, the *Mohammads* joining Nazar Mohammad and Mudassar Nazar, who was dropped from this match.

Srikkanth's uncharacteristic behaviour occurred just before tea, when Miandad was 72 and the score 203 for two. Miandad had given Kapil Dev a hard return chance, which went through the Indian captain's hands above his head, just previously. Kapil had returned for six overs but otherwise the bowling, once the shine was off the ball, was done all day by the spinners. Maninder Singh looked the most awkward to play and beat Shoaib three times in one over when he was 98.

Shoaib, whose only mistake *apart from some erratic running* was to edge Yadav near slip when 58, reached his century immediately after tea and was out in the next over. He was in two minds against Maninder and was leg-before as he played back. Ten fours were among his strokes. Miandad was run out when he moved out to Yadav; the ball struck his pads and Vengsarkar, from silly point, was able to return it to More before Miandad could get back.

Ijaz defended for 20 minutes before he stretched forward to Maninder and Vengsarkar's claim for a catch at point-blank range was upheld, though Ijaz obviously disagreed. It is going *to be a controversial series if the* opening day's pattern is maintained.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Rizwan-uz-Zaman c More b Kulkarni	1
Shoaib Mohammad lbw b Maninder	101
Rameez Raja c Srikkanth b Maninder	24
Javed Miandad run out	94
Salim Malik not out	14
Ijaz Ahmed c Vengsarkar b Maninder	3
Abdul Qadir not out	2
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 1)	8
Total (5 wkts)	247

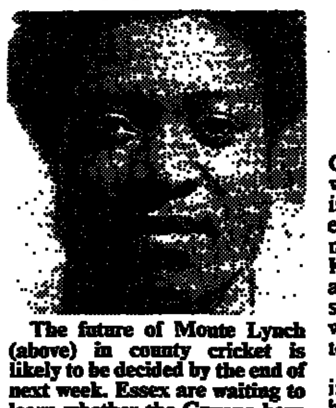
*Imran Khan, †Salim Yousuf, Wasim Akram and Tauseef Ahmed to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-60, 3-215, 4-237, 5-244.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-0-29-0; Kulkarni 5-0-30-1; Maninder 31-9-67-3; Yadav 27-0-80-0; Shastri 12-1-35-0.

INDIA: S M Gavaskar, K Srikkanth, M B Amarnath, D B Vengsarkar, M Azharuddin, R J Shastri, *Kapil Dev, †K S More, N S Yadav, Maninder Singh, R R Kulkarni.

Umpires: R Mehra and V K Ramaswamy.



The future of Monte Lynch (above) in county cricket is likely to be decided by the end of next week. Essex are waiting to learn whether the Guyana-born batsman, aged 28, will help them defend the Britannic Assurance championship this summer, while Surrey will be anxious to hold on to one of their more talented players. Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary said: "We got permission from Surrey to talk with him and he went away to study our terms. But it will not be a case of us pressuring him to join us." Geoff Arnold, Surrey's chief coach, said: "At the moment Lynch is still our player, but I expect a decision on his future could be made by Friday of next week."

Slow century by McEwan

From Ivo Tennant, Port Elizabeth

A thin crowd was at St George's Park yesterday to see what, if anything, could follow in Graeme Pollock's wake. Inevitably, there was nothing to match his batting on Sunday but Ken McEwan made a century and the unofficial Australians, seven runs ahead and two wickets down, still have a battle today to save this match.

This was McEwan's biggest innings for South Africa but hardly one of his quickest. On this flat pitch, the ball not coming on to the bat, his hundred took him five hours and 13 minutes. His decision to give up county cricket has refreshed him; after hundreds in consecutive matches he should no longer be thought of here as primarily a one-day player.

As Pollock did on Sunday, *McEwan opened his shoulders* once he had reached his hundred, which included 14 fours. He added 50 in half an hour with Donald, who is no mean No. 11. Donald, incidently, is set to join Warwickshire, on the recommendation of Dr Ali Bacher, the managing director of the South African Cricket Union. *He has heart and stamina*, which are prime requisites for bowling at Edgbaston.

Photographs of Pollock have appeared on the front page of the Eastern Province newspaper for the last three days and, not surprisingly, yesterday was rather anti-climactic. There was nothing to compare with his innings on Sunday, thankfully for the Australian bowlers.

Not that they bowled particularly well. McCurdy, who is to play for Eastern Province when the tour ends, was treated severely and Alderman can rarely have looked so ineffectual. It was Hogg who took two of the first three wickets to fall, Rice and Richardson both leg-*before to balls that kept low. The* variable bounce will be South Africa's biggest asset today.

South Africa were given a glimmer of hope when le Roux removed Dyson, restored to opening, through an excellent gully catch by Kirsten, and Shipperd next ball with one that cut away. The first hour today *will be all-important.*

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings 455 for 9 dec (K C Wessels 135, S B Smith 77, S J Rixon 61, G Shipperd 53).

Second Innings

S B Smith not out	43
J Dyson c Kirsten b le Roux	8
G Shipperd b le Roux	0
K J Hughes not out	30
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 3)	4
Total (2 wkts)	85

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-26.

BOWLING (to date): le Roux 8-0-26-2; Page 6-1-14-0; Donald 5-1-19-0; Henry 9-5-10-0; Rice 3-0-13-0; Kirsten 1-0-2-0.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

S J Cook c Dyson b McCurdy	84
B J Whitfield c Rixon b Hogg	4
P N Kirsten lbw b Hogg	34
R G Pollock b Hogg	144
K S McEwan not out	138
H A Page b Hohns	9
C E B Rice lbw b Hogg	26
D J Richardson lbw b Hogg	7
G S le Roux lbw b McCurdy	20
O Henry c Hohns b Alderman	13
A A Donald c Haysman b Hohns	21
Extras (b 2, l-b 24, n-b 6, w 1)	33
Total	533

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-64, 3-211, 4-312, 5-329, 6-382, 7-394, 8-446, 9-477.

BOWLING: Hogg 39-7-97-5; Alderman 37-3-142-1, McCurdy 40-5-159-2; Hohns 51-12-109-2.

Firm start wasted by England

From a Special Correspondent
Colombo

The opening day's play of the first four-day international between the England Young Cricketers and their Sri Lankan counterparts had a dramatic twist of fortune at the Colombo Cricket Club ground yesterday.

The England side looked set for a big score at 146 for two, but collapsed to 200 for eight by the close, losing four wickets for 10 runs in the final hour.

The arrival of the second new ball after 75 overs proved disastrous from Young England's point of view. They threw away the advantage of winning the toss, and also the excellent start made by their opening batsmen, Mark Ramprakash and Trevor Ward, who put on 72 runs.

Ward, of Kent, took over the leadership of Young England when Michael Atherton, the selected captain, was ruled out of the match with a groin injury.

Ramprakash, the highly talented batsman on the Middlesex staff, hit one six, which went out of the ground, and two fours in his innings of 34. Ward made 30 with five fours, but both were dismissed without adding to their lunchtime scores, on 72.

Gloucestershire's Mark Alleyne, and Nasser Hussein of Essex, also made useful scores of 37 and 42 respectively, and put on 74 for the fourth wicket. Hussein's 42, scored in 109 minutes and including four fours, was the best score in Young England's innings.

ENGLAND YOUNG CRICKETERS
First Innings

M Ramprakash c Kaluwithama b Weerakkody	34
*T R Ward c Ranatunga b Jayasinghe	30
M W Alleyne c Kaluwitharna b Mendis	37
N Hussein b Mendis	42
M P Speight b Madena	10
O C K Smith lbw b Madena	5
A G J Fraser c Kaluwitharna b Weerakkody	8
M P Bicknell not out	7
†W K Hegg lbw b Weerakkody	0
H R J Trump not out	14
Extras (b 4, l-b 2, w 7)	13
Total (8 wkts)	200

L Tennant to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-72, 3-146, 4-153, 5-168, 6-177, 7-177, 8-178.

BOWLING: Madena 23-5-53-2; Weerakkody 22-3-58-3; Jayasinghe 28-16-28-1; Haturusinghe 10-1-28-0; Ranatunga 5-0-23-0; Mendis 6-5-4-2.

SRI LANKA YOUNG CRICKETERSC: A Allrajah, R Rajatakse, U C Haturusinghe, V I De Mel, S Ranatunga, Chaminda Mendis, †R Kaluwitharna, R N Weerakkody, *D R Madena, S K Jayasinghe, C R Thenuwara.

Umpires: W A U Wickramasinghe and L Saverimuttu.

ATHLETICS

Koch bows out a champion

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

One of my enduring memories of the first major event I covered for *The Times* is Marita Koch *measuring the last few* strides of her anchor leg in the 4 x 400 metres relay against the stadium clock at the 1982 European Championships in Athens. To anyone for whom even thinking about sprinting blurs the vision, Fraulein Koch's detachment while considering the world record she was about to break was awe inspiring.

But she deflated that awe superbly at the press conference an hour later when she revealed, with embarrassment that "in fact I was wondering how I could have run so slowly, because I was looking at the old record on the scoreboard". That sums up Marita Koch, who announced her retirement from athletics this week. She was inspirational on the track and human off it.

And those talents served the German Democratic Republic so well that officials persuaded her to continue in competition after what would have been the perfect finale to her career, a superlative world 400 metres record of 47.60sec when winning the World Cup in Canberra in 1985. Indeed, athletics followers around the world will only believe that Fraulein Koch has retired when she does not turn up on the track for the European and world indoor championships in the coming weeks and the IAAF world championships in Rome in September.

Marita Koch has the credentials to be considered the greatest woman athlete in history. She set 11 individual world records at 200 and 400 metres, took part in five relay world records, and also has the third fastest ever 100 metres. Since becoming the third woman to follow Irena Szewinska under 50 seconds, and taking over ascendancy in the 400 metres a decade ago, Fraulein Koch has broken that barrier more than 30 times.

The other measure of athletics greatness is in competition, and Fraulein Koch was both gracious in defeats by Jarmila Kratochvilova in the early eighties and strong in resolution to retrieve the 400 metres record she had lost to the Czechoslovak. After she did it in Canberra, she was prevailed upon to stay and duly won the European Championship 400 metres in Stuttgart last year.

But it now seems that her wish has been granted and, at the age of 30, she is free to return to her paediatric medicine studies, marry her coach Wolfgang Meier, and, "look after my dogs".

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

CRAWLEY: Carlsberg English national championships: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: S Baddeley bt T Flynn, 15-5, 15-1; D Hall bt W Smith, 12-15, 15-3, 15-5. **Doubles: Semi-finals:** A Goode and S Baddeley bt D Tailor and M Tredgett, 15-5, 15-12; M Brown and R Outterside bt C Dobson and D Wright, 15-5, 17-18, 15-7. **Women: Singles: Semi-finals:** G Clark bt S Louis, 6-11, 11-8, 11-8; F Elliott bt G Gowers, 11-9, 11-3. **Doubles: Semi-finals:** Clark and Gowers bt K Chapman and F Gallup, 15-2, 15-11; K Beckman and S Halsall bt C Cooke and G Gay, 15-4, 15-3. **Mixed doubles: Semi-finals:** Tredgett and Miss Gowers bt Dobson and Mrs Beckman, 5-15, 15-10, 15-12; Goode and Mrs Elliott bt Tailor and Mrs Gilks, 11-15, 15-5, 15-7.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Washington Bullets 104, New York Knicks 98; Denver Nuggets 140, Los Angeles Clippers 112; Dallas Mavericks 103, Los Angeles Lakers 99; Seattle Sonics 108, New Jersey Nets 100.

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	19	19	0	38
Portsmouth	18	16	2	32
Man Utd	20	15	5	30
BCP London	18	14	4	28
Leicester	19	13	6	26
Bracknell	19	8	11	16
Calderdale	19	7	12	14
Solent	20	7	13	14
Hemel/Watford	18	6	12	12
Birmingham	19	6	13	12
Sunderland	19	5	14	10
Bolton/Bury	17	3	14	6
Derby	19	3	16	6

SQUASH RACKETS

SHEFFIELD: Women's inter-county championship: First division: Yorkshire 5, Sussex 0.

FOOTBALL

KOZHIKODE, India: Nehru Gold Cup tournament: Semi-final: Bulgaria 3, East Germany 1. **KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: Inter City tournament:** Groningen 3, Kuala Lumpur 0. **FOOTBALL COMBINATION:** Brighton 0, Arsenal 1; Fulham 1, West Ham 0; Millwall 1, Watford 2; QPR 1, Reading 0.

CYCLING

ALMERIA, Spain: Tour of Andalusia: Time trial: 1, J Blanco Villar (Sp), 5min 5.81sec; 2, R Golz (WG), 5:18.02; 3, M Somers (Bel), 5:18.46; 4, J L Vandenbroucke (Bel), 5:19.90; 5, J Muller (Switz), 5:20.46; 6, J Gorospe (Sp), 5:21.49; 7, L Suykerbuyk (Bel), 5:21.57; 8, P Stevenhaagen (Neth), 5:23.59; 9, M Oliver (Sp), 5:23.75; 10, M Ducrot (Neth), 5:24.07. **COPENHAGEN: Six day race (fourth day):** 1, R Hermann (Liech) and J Kristen (WG), 270pts; 2, D Clark (Aus) and T Doyle (Eng), 206. One lap behind: 3, G Frank and H-H Oersted (Den), 344; 4, J Worre and J Pedersen (Den), 316; 5, D Thurau and U Bolten (WG), 173. Two laps behind: 6, S Tourne (Bel) and G Knetemann (Neth), 112. Three laps behind: 7, S Hermann (Liech) and J Veggerby (Den), 253; 8, R Pijnen (Neth) and M Marcussen (Den), 145. Six laps behind: 9, B Vallet (Fr) and K Eriksen (Den), 143. 17 laps behind: 10, J Skibby and B Holm Soerensen (Den), 183. **MIRAMAS, France: Besseges grand prix:** 1, J Weltz (Den), 2hr 55min 33sec; 2, J-C Colotti (Fr); 3, P Watson (GB); 4, P Casado (Fr); 5, E Guyot (Fr) all same time; 6, G Sanders (Fr) at 2min 20sec.

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES: National League (NHL): Toronto Mapleleafs 8, Philadelphia Flyers 4.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: LTA indoor satellite tournament (British unless stated): First round: S Botfield bt M Walker, 7-6, 6-3; L Wallgren (Swe) bt P Svensson (Swe), 7-5, 6-3; M Gustavsson (Swe) bt C Bailey, 6-3, 6-3; S Mezzadri (Switz) bt P Bastinsen (Den), 6-2, 6-4; F Errard (Fr) bt L Alfred, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Kohlberg (US) bt C Allgardh (Swe), 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; H Shirato (Japan) bt M Basham (US), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; D Engel (Swe) bt F Peyre (Fr), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Tauson (Den) bt B Horvat (Yug), 6-2, 6-1; S Shaw bt E Riley (US), 6-4, 6-4; P Fleming (US) bt P Pech (Fr), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; S Bale bt D Felgate, 7-5, 7-5; A Brice bt H McDadi (Can), 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt J Vekemans (Neth), 6-2, 6-4; O Delaire (Fr) bt M Christensen (Den), 6-4, 6-2; B Levine (SA) bt F Sauer (Neth), 7-6, 5-7, 6-2. **KANSAS: Wichita women's tournament: First round:** M Van Nostrand (US) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; G Kim (US) bt P Casale (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Hu Na (US) bt T Mochizuki (US), 6-2, 6-4; D Spence (US) bt K Shaefer (US), 6-2, 6-2; M L Piatek (US) bt S Parkhomenko (USSR), 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; L Savchenko (USSR) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; W White (US) bt C Porwik (WG), 6-2, 6-3.

PHILADELPHIA: Men's US Professional indoor championship: First round: B Dyke (Aus) bt B Pearce (US), 6-2, 7-6; G Muller (SA) bt M Freeman (US), 7-6, 1-6, 7-6; D Rostagno (US) bt A Volkov (USSR), 7-5, 6-3; M Purcell (US) bt C Steyn (SA), 6-3, 6-1; M Dickson (US) bt B Moir (SA), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Giammalva (US) bt M Flur (US), 6-3, 6-1; T Smid (Cz) bt G Layendecker (US), 6-3, 6-4; E Edwards (SA) bt G Donnelly (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; S Casal (Sp) bt M Anger (US), 6-3, 6-4; L Lavalle (Mex) bt M Davis (US), 7-5, 6-3; D Visser (SA) bt A Agassi (US), 6-2, 6-2; S Davis (US) bt G Holmes (US), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. **LYON: Grand Prix tournament (French unless stated): First round:** J Potier bt A Maurer (WG), 6-3, 6-4; S Perkiss (Isr) bt J Grabb (US), 6-4, 6-3; T Nelson (US) bt J Windahl (Swe), 6-1, 6-4; B Cox (US) bt P Lemoine, 6-2, 6-4; B Willenborg (US) bt R Gilbert, 6-4, 6-1; A Boetsch bt T Pham, 6-4, 6-2; R Agenor (Haiti) bt S Guy (NZ), 6-3, 6-3; T Tulasne bt G Bloom (Isr), 5-7, 6-3, 7-6, 7-5. **WTA RANKINGS:** 1, M Navratilova (US); 2, C Lloyd (US); 3, S Graf (WG); 4, H Mandlikova (Cz); 5, P Shriver (US); 6, H Sukova (Cz); 7, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 8, K Rinaldi (US); 9, Z Garrison (US); 10, G Sabatini (Arg). **GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: Men: Singles:** 1, S Edberg (Swe), 700pts; 2, P Cash (Aus), 500; 3, W Masur (Aus), 484; 4, M Mecir (Cz), 376; 5, I Lendl (Cz), 350; 6, K Evernden (NZ), 218; 7, A Jarryd (Swe), 209; 8, Y Noah (Fr), 200; 9, P Doohan (Aus), 162; 10, D Rostagno (US), 136. Doubles: 1, Edberg, 120, Jarryd, 120; 3, Doohan, 108. **WTC STANDINGS:** 1, H Mandlikova (Cz), 936pts; 2, P Shriver (US), 511; 3, M Navratilova (US), 490; 4, Z Garrison (US), 473; 5, C Lindqvist (Swe), 384; 6, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 324; 7, L McNeil (US), 275; 8, H Sukova (Cz), 243; 9, W Turnbull (Aus), 225; 10, M Maleeva (Bul), 219.

SWIMMING

EAST BERLIN: International meeting (East German unless stated): Men's 200m freestyle: 1, T Stachewicz (Aus), 1min 49.32sec; 2, T Flemming, 1.50.61; 3, M Hermann (WG), 1:52.30. **Women's 100m freestyle:** 1, T Costache (Rom), 55.66sec; 2, K Otto, 55.87; 3, H Friedrich, 56.52. **Men's 200m individual medley:** 1, V Yarostshuk (USSR), 2:04.38; 2, R Sternal, 2:05.20; 3, P Kuhl, 2:05.63. **Women's 200m breaststroke:** 1, S Hörner, 2:32.94; 2, S Kusmina (USSR), 2:33.07; 3, Xiaomin Huang (China), 2:35.86; **Men's 100m backstroke:** 1, S Sabolotnov (USSR), 57.24; 2, D Richter, 57.66; 3, F Baltrusch, 58.03. **Women's 200m butterfly:** 1, B Weigang, 2:11.21; 2, K Gressler, 2:11.43; 3, S Pura (Rom), 2:13.88.

BADMINTON

Baddeley and Hall battle for limelight

By Richard Eaton

The showdown between Darren Hall, the title-holder, and Steve Baddeley, the Commonwealth champion, in last night's final of the Carlsberg English national championships at Crawley could not have promised more.

Hall, young and ambitious, and Baddeley, the experienced campaigner again established in the world's top six, are not averse to firing the occasional verbal broadside at each other.

Before last night the two had met six times, Baddeley winning four matches to Hall's two. Yet with Hall earning himself a final with a man he feels has taken more of the limelight than is just, the potential was there for an intense match between the fast, young champion and the *big-hitting former title holder.*

Conspicuous by her absence, however, has been Helen Troke, who retained the European and Commonwealth titles last year. She lost her chance of retaining her national women's singles title after rupturing an Achilles tendon competing in Japan 12 days ago, and is almost certain to miss next month's All-England championships at Wembley.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Igls	20	65	fair	varied	good	fine	0
Some bare patches							
Sölden	30	100	good	varied	fair	fine	-10
Good skiing							
St Anton	80	290	good	varied	fair	cloud	-2
Soft snow in sheltered areas							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	90	170	fair	varied	fair	snow	-1
Poor visibility, snowing heavily							
Morzine	40	160	fair	varied	fair	rain	1
Great variety of snow conditions							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	70	130	good	varied	fair	fair	1
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Grindelwald	60	100	good	varied	good	cloud	5
Good higher, icy lower slopes							
Mürren	90	145	good	good	good	cloud	0
Snow forecast							
Saas-Fee	50	200	fair	varied	fair	fine	-1
Lower and upper slopes good							
Villars	30	100	fair	crust	fair	fair	3
Worn patches on lower slopes							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete; hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2200ft. **Glenshee:** upper runs, some runs complete, many icy patches; middle runs, some runs complete, icy patches; lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. **Glencoe (open Monday to Friday):** upper runs, runs complete but narrow surface icy on a hard base; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, surface icy on a hard base; vertical runs, 1200ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2500ft. **Lecht:** upper runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: cloudy and mainly dry at first; rain in Glencoe by midday spreading east in the afternoon; becoming misty on slopes; south-westerly fresh or strong winds increasing to gale force, perhaps severe gale force on the higher slopes; temperatures mostly above freezing. Outlook for tomorrow: colder again with a mixture of sunny periods and scattered showers; snow above 1500ft.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

Actress Laura Betti and portrait with Pasolini (Ch4, 9pm)

New line in alternative comedy

CHOICE

● The dramas of the American-born writer, Howard Schuman, are predictable only for being unpredictable. By far his best-known work, screened, amazingly, more than 10 years ago, was *Rock Follies*, a quirky, magnetic story of aspiring girl singers. Now Schuman is back with **Up Line** (Channel 4, 10pm), a four-parter which can plausibly be described as a comedy, though a deal more disturbing than the *Terry and June* variety. Partly a reflection of Britain now (unemployment and the crisis of capitalism), partly a farrago of in-jokes (movie buffs will relish a character called John Ford Pasolini), and with songs thrown in, it is about a bunch of alternative comedians with little work and fewer prospects who hope to make a fortune out of pyramid selling. The first episode starts uncertainly, not to say incoherently, but there is enough wit and energy to make you want to see more. Alexei Sayle, himself not unconnected with alternative comedy, is the best known face among a largely unfamiliar cast in which Neil Pearson has the key part and seizes it with verve. *Up Line* is directed by Bob Spiers, whose previous comedy credits include *The Goodies*, *Fawlty Towers* and, most relevant to the current exercise, *The Comic Strip Presents*...

● Talking of Pasolini, he is the subject of **Whoever Says the Truth Shall Die** (Channel 4, 9pm), a documentary by the Dutch writer and director, Philo Bregstein. Pasolini was a Communist who, paradoxically, made the best film yet on the life of Christ (*The Gospel According to St Matthew*). He was also a homosexual, constantly in trouble with the Italian authorities. He was brutally murdered by a 17-year-old boy in circumstances that have never been properly explained. According to the official line, Pasolini was the victim of a homosexual pick-up that went wrong; but Bregstein suggests that the murder was a right-wing plot to silence a political undesirable.

● Radio highlight: the excellent **Analysis** series returns (Radio 4, 8.15pm) with a dialogue about nuclear strategy and arms control between Richard Perle, the American assistant secretary for defense, and Professor Lawrence Martin, vice-chancellor of Newcastle University.

Peter Waymark

Have van will travel into trouble: Neil Pearson, Caroline Quentin and Paul Brown in Up Line (Ch4, 10pm)

BBC1

6.30 Ceefax AM. 6.55 Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**

8.40 Watchdog. In the Hotseat this week is Bill Hilton, national director of the Federation of Master Builders. **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather. **9.05 Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and studio audience, discuss a topical subject **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with advice on the Attendance Allowance.

10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Programme news. **10.30 Play School.** (r) **10.50 Ivor the Engine.** (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Martin Jarvis with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Holiday 87.** (r) **11.35 Open Air** from Belfast. Includes news and weather at 12.00

12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from the Guildhall, Portsmouth. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Terry resigns when Max interferes with her friendship with his son **1.50 Chock-a-Block.** (r)

2.05 Film: Thadeus Rose and Eddie (1978) starring Johnny Cash, Bo Hopkins, and June Carter Cash. A made-for-television comedy-drama about two evergreen Texans who are forced to face up to the realities of life. Directed by Jack Starrett. **3.40 Play It Safe!** Accident prevention advice from Jimmy Savile. (r)

3.50 Stilgoe's On. With Richard Stilgoe and guest, Paul Jackson, an origami expert. (r) **4.10 The Hunter** (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Su Pollard with part three of *Raging Robots and Unruly Uncles*. **4.25 Bananaman.** (r) **4.30 You Should Be So Lucky!** Talent competition between stage schools around the country.

4.55 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Treasure Houses. Mark Curry at the Imperial Collection of Crown Jewels of the World.

5.35 First Class. Inter-school video quiz.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. The guest list includes Leon Brittan; and Bill Treacher - Arthur from EastEnders. Music is provided by Spandau Ballet.

7.35 The Muppet Show. The guest is Judy Collins.

8.00 Dallas. Ray continues his fight to win custody of his unborn child. (Ceefax)

8.45 Points of View. With Anne Robinson.

9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party.

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.35 Q.E.D.: Claws - a New Kind of Dinosaur. This first of a new series of the science-based documentaries follows Natural History Museum scientists as they uncover the secrets of the dinosaur discovered near Dorking four years ago. What it ate, how it lived, how it died, and its age when it perished 124 million years ago. (Ceefax)

10.05 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Highlights from one of this evening's FA Cup fourth round replays; the European Figure Skating Championships; the World Ski-ing Championships; and the European Four-man Bobsleigh Championship.

12.10 Weather

Hot shot from the security service: Edward Woodward as Robert McCall in The Equalizer (ITV, 9pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

9.15 Daytime on Two: the impact of Scotland's leisure boom **9.35 Ceefax 10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** Science: fish **10.38** The muscles of the human body **11.00** The story of The Crickets **11.17** Scottish children's songs and games from earlier generations **11.40** The ministry of Christ.

12.02 Maths: geometry **12.25** Technical jobs in television **12.48** Basic French conversation skills **1.10** Business jargon for those whose second language is English **1.38** Scotland's energy industry **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** Thinkabout **2.15** Sedna and the Seals. (Ceefax)

2.35 Sports Afternoon includes highlights from the Paris-Dakar Rally; the European Figure Skating Championships; and indoor Hockey. News and weather at 3.00.

3.50 News, regional news, and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong.

4.35 The World of the 30s. Programme three of the 12-part series examines Russia in the 1930s.

5.05 My Music. Music quiz. (r)

5.30 Cover to Cover. Nicholas Shakespeare and his guests review the latest hardbacks and paperbacks.

6.00 The West That Never Was. An affectionate tribute to the 'B' movie western. (r)

7.00 World Ski-ing Championships. The Men's Giant Slalom.

7.30 Take Nobody's Word for It. This second programme in the 'do-it-yourself' science series includes a visit to Alton Towers theme park.

8.00 Whistle Test. Andy Kershaw introduces three Swedish bands - Leather Nun; Thirteen Moons; and All That Jazz; and Mark Ellen presents A-ha's latest release.

8.30 Out of Court. Law magazine programme.

9.00 M*A*S*H. Two American agents take an interest in Frank's excessive patriotism. (r)

9.25 Filthy Rich and Catflap. Comedy series starring Adrian Edmondson, Rik Mayall, and Nigel Planer.

10.00 Split Screen. Two films taking opposite views on the subject of subsidising the arts. Against, is Geoff Chase, an engineering lecturer, who is supported by Roy Hudd, George Gale, and Kingsley Amis; for, is Jenny Topper, director of London's Bush Theatre, who has support from Simon Rattle, Simon Callow, and Julie Walters.

10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party.

10.35 Newsnight 11.20 Weather.

11.25 Ludwig van Beethoven. Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 9, Op 14 No 1. Ends at **11.50.**

ITV LONDON

6.15 TV-am presented by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**

7.00 Good Morning Britain introduced by Jayne Irving and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35.** After Nine includes Dr David Devlin with advice on children's throat ailments; an interview with Cilla Black; and, at **9.17,** exercises with Lizzie Webb.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Schools: simple mathematical concepts **9.42** How television title sequences are designed **9.59** Maths: patterns with squares **10.16** Reading and making maps **10.33** Understanding television **11.03** Uses of computers **11.22** Using a computer as a word processor **11.39** Programme three of Jean Anouilh's La Belle Vie.

12.00 Button Moon. Puppet series. (r) **12.10 Allsorts 12.30 Wish You Were Here..?** A repeat of Monday's programme which included Chris Kelly's report on a coach tour of the Dutch bulb fields.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in an Australian outback town.

2.30 On the Market. Susan Brookes and Mark Gorton with the best fresh food buys; and Drew Smith in Scotland searching for good Arbroath smokies **3.00 Amoebas to Zebras.** Natural history quiz presented by Nigel Rees. With Malcolm Penny, Sue Paterson, and Tegwyn Harris **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 Creepy Crawlies. Paul Nicholas with the story of The Day the Sky Fell In. **4.10 Batfink.** (r) **4.20 Sooty** with Matthew Corbett and guest, Ann Beach. **4.45 Y.E.S.** Adventures of a group of children who have set up a Youth Enquiry Service.

5.15 Connections.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the DHSS's arrangements for paying rents in advance for the unemployed.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy.

7.30 Coronation Street. Ian Latimer is determined to find out who is the father of baby Tilsley. (Oracle)

8.00 Sporting Triangles. Sports quiz presented by Nick Owen. Jimmy Greaves and Tessa Sanderson are joined by Bob Champion, Dennis Taylor, Nigel Mansell, and Sam Torrance.

8.30 High and Dry. Comedy series starring Bernard Cribbins as the owner of a ramshackle pier. (Oracle)

9.00 The Equalizer. Robert McCall comes to the assistance of a bored and lonely housewife who allows herself to be picked up in New York, but then she witnesses a murder and realises that she is to be the next victim. (Oracle)

9.55 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen and Elton Welsby. **Skating:** the European Figure Skating Championships from Sarajevo; and **Darts:** the Blackthorn Masters from Oldham.

12.15 That's Hollywood. The Zanuck dynasty.

12.40 Night Thoughts.

Cafe confrontations: Percy Sugden and Phyllis Pearce discuss the new helper from the Job Centre (ITV, 7.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)

2.30 Film: Patterns* (1956) starring Van Heflin, Everett Stone, and Ed Begley. Big business drama about an executive who discovers that his rise up the promotional ladder is a ploy to oust an aged vice-president of the company. Directed by Fielder Cook.

4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to two people who have started businesses with government funding - a racing pigeon breeder, and a television repair engineer. (rescheduled from last Wednesday)

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Derek Picton from Birmingham.

5.00 Chateauvallon: Fortune and Power. The French language with subtitles version of Monday's second episode of the 26-part drama serial.

6.00 The Marketing Mix. Part four of the series on marketing examines the success of the Next chain of fashion shops. (r) (Oracle)

6.30 Dust and Dreams. Tonight's fifth programme in the series drawing on archive film of the cinema news magazine, The March of Time, includes two reports on the world of music. The Birth of Swing features the Original Dixieland Jazz Band; Up-Beat in Music includes footage of Benny Goodman, Art Tatum, Glen Miller, and George Gershwin. (Oracle)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.

7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Gerry Neale, Conservative MP for Cornwall North.

8.00 Tom Keating on Painters. The artist discusses Turner's The Fighting Temeraire; and illustrates Turner's style of painting. (r) (Oracle)

8.30 Diverse Reports. Robin Blackburn, editor of New Left Review, reports on the Left's fight to stem the tide of Mrs Thatcher's de-nationalization programme.

9.00 Whoever Says the Truth Shall Die. A documentary examining the story behind the murder in 1975 of Italian film-maker, Pier Paolo Pasolini.

10.00 Up Line. The first of a new four-part comedy drama.

11.00 The Wind and the Bomb. The making of the animated film, When the Wind Blows.

11.30 Report: Britain - the Nazi Safe House. The story of how successive British governments since 1948 have been operating a secret policy which has made Britain a safe house for Nazi war criminals. (First shown on STV)

12.00 Beyond Belief. Anthony Clare in conversation with the Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly, the Rev Donald Reeves.

12.30 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.45.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today. **6.35-7.00** Juice. **12.10am-12.15** News and weather. **SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland. **7.35-7.55** Attic Archives **7.55-8.00** Ringing Strings. **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's sport **5.40-6.00** The Video Picture Show **12.10am-12.15** News and weather. **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND 11.17am** See Here! **11.40-12.02pm** Ulster In Focus.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardens for All **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **12.15am** Norfolk Angle. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Face the Public **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **12.15am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Hotel **6.00-6.35** News **12.15am** Jobfinder **1.15** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** This England **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.001 Granada Reports** 6.25 **This is Your Right** 6.30-7.00 **Crossroads** 12.15am **Closedown.**

HTV WEST As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.35** News **12.15am** Diligence at Work **12.45** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

Bernard Cribbins (ITV, 8.30pm)

TSW As London except: **12.30pm** Gardens for All **1.20-1.30** News **3.00-3.30** Mary **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **12.15am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Coast to Coast People **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Hart to Hart **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Coast to coast **12.15am** Company.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Lifestyles **1.20** News **1.25-1.30** Where the Jobs Are **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **12.15am** Youve Got Your Troubles, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Lunchtime **3.30-4.00** History of the Car **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25-6.35** Ask Anne **12.15am** Moviemakers **12.40** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.35** Calendar **12.15am** Insight **12.45** Jobfinder **1.45** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.45** Interval **11.55** Film: Keeper of the Flame* **1.45pm** Their Lordships House **2.00** Jigsaw **2.30** Looking into Paintings **3.00** Equinox **4.00** Flalabalam **4.15** Corachod **4.30** Pen A Chynffon **5.00** Bilidowcar **5.30** Car 54, Where Are You?* **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Mavis on 4 **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Margaret Williams **8.15** Hel Straeon **9.00** Film: Private Sessions **10.45** Max Headroom Show **11.15** Diverse Reports **11.45** The Making of 'The Sacrifice' **12.15am** Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then **10.00** and **12.00** midnight. Advice on choosing options at **7.40am, 8.20, 1.40pm, 5.20, 6.20, 6.40, 7.40.**

5.30am Simon Mayo **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. VHF Stereo 1 & 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF News on the hour. Sports Desks **8.31, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only), **9.55**

4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Lonnie Donnegan **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 **8.30** Humoresque **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Local Tales **10.15** Cantabile **10.30** The Golden Years **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

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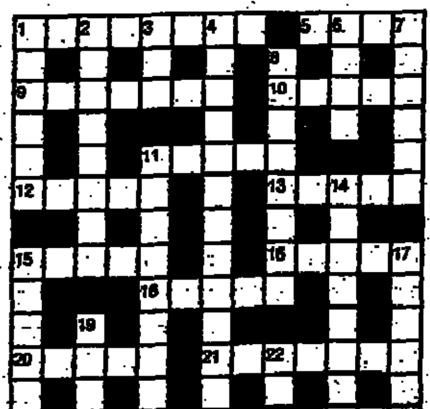

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20 Peloponnese dialect (5)
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23 Arch (4)
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3 Spinning toy (3)
4 Circle boundary (13)
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7 Sigurd's and Atli's wife (6)
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Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Introduction to Science. Until **6.55**

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Festival overture on Danish National Anthem: LSO), Gounod (Petite Symphonie in B flat: Netherlands Wind Ensemble), Bridge (The Sea suite: Royal Liverpool PO). **8.00** News **8.05** Morning Concert (contd): Berlioz (Rob Roy overture: Scottish National SO), Handel (incidental music The Alchymist: Academy of Ancient Music, with Christopher Hogwood, harpsichord), Thomé (Fantaisie: Max Sommerhalder, cornet, Christoph Keller, piano), Rubbra (Improvisations on virginal pieces by Farnaby: Bournemouth Sinfonietta). **9.00** News **9.05** This Week's Composer: Haydn. Chorus of the Danes (Hungarian State Orchestra and Budapest Madrigal Choir), Piano Trio in C major, H XV 27 (Raphael-Trio), Abendlied zu Gott; Daphnens einziger Fehler; Aus dem Danklieде zu Gott (with singers Mikenda, Wirz, Quillevere, Reinemann (Helmut and Udo). Also Trumpet Concerto in E flat major (Thomas Stevens with Los Angeles PO) **10.00** Stravinsky and the ballet: Chicago SO under the composer play the ballet Orpheus, and CBC SO under the composer play Circus Polka, for a young elephant **10.55** Haydn Trio of Vienna: Dvorak (Trio in F minor, Op 65) **11.35** Matinee musicale: Ulster Orchestra (under Odaline de la Martinez), with Michael McGuffin (piano), Susan Kessler (mezzo). Benjamin (Italian Comedy overture), Grainger (including The power of love, Molly on the shore, Mock Morris and The sprig of thyme), Antill (Five Australian Lyrics, Nos 1 and 4), Bryan Kelly (Ned Kelly) **12.30** Blues with a Difference: Kingsley Amis presents recordings of Henry "Red" Allen, the New Orleans trumpeter.

1.00 News **1.05** Concert Hall: Patricia Rozario (soprano), with Mark Troop (piano). The works include Mozart's Der Zauberer, K 472 and Warnung, K33), Liszt's O Quand je dors, and Comment, disaient-ils. Also works by Villa-Lobos (including O Anjo da Guarda) **2.00** Poulenc and Roussel: BBC SO (under Michel Plasson), with Philip Fowke (piano). Poulenc (Piano Concerto), Roussel (Symphony No 3) **2.50** Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes John Warrack's guide to recordings of Mozart's Symphony No 35 (r) **4.00** Choral Evensong: live from Gloucester Cathedral. **4.55** News

5.00 Midweek Choice: Gluck (Chaconne: Stuttgart CO), Gesualdo (Ave, dulcissima Maria: Monteverdi Choir), Hindemith (Piano Sonata No 1: Gould), Sallinen (Chamber Music I: Finlandia Sinfonietta), Soler (Fandango in D minor: Puyana, harpsichord), Lili Boulanger (Old Buddhist Prayer: Senechal, tenor), Franck (Piano Quintet in F minor: Curzon with Vienna Philharmonic String Quartet) **7.00** Debut: Leland Chen (violin), Mary Wu (piano). Bartok (Rhapsody No 1), Ysaye (Sonata No 3), Sarasate (Malaguena, Zappateado, from Eight Spanish Dances) **7.30** Gunter Wand's 75th Birthday Concert: BBC SO (under Wand). Mozart (Symphony No 40) **7.55** Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC **8.15** Concert (continued): Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6) **9.15** Migratory Birds: David Warner reads Michael Kelly's short story **9.35** Guitar music: Hubert Kappel plays works by Kellner, Detlef Heusinger and Bach (Lute suite, BWV 1006a) **10.15** New Premises: Nigel Andrews's arts review (r) **11.00** Manchester Chamber Music: Steven Isserlis (cello), Peter Evans (piano). Schumann (Stucke im Volkston, Op 102), Janacek (Pohadka), Martinu (Sonata No 1) **11.57** News. **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News; Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel. **9.00** News, **9.05** Midweek with Libby Purves (s) **10.00** News; Gardeners' Question Time: Experts answer questions from an audience at the Grange Park Horticultural Society, London. **10.30** Morning Story: A Shot in the Garden, by L A G Strong. **10.45** Daily Service (s) **11.00** News; Travel; *China*: Nick Ross discovers chickens, spitting and bicycle bells on a visit to the People's Republic of China. **11.48** Passing Trades? (new series): Five programmes in which David Wilmott learns about disappearing trades. 1: The barber. **12.00** News; You and Yours: Consumer affairs with John Howard. **12.27** Some Mother's Son: Part 5 of John Fletcher's six-part serial (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World At One. News **1.40** The Archers. **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor. **3.00** News; The Afternoon Play: The Road to Vichy, by Sandy McCall Smith. **3.47** Time for Verse: Poet Alex Lykiard with the third of seven programmes on the subject of dreams and nightmares (s) **4.00** News **4.05** File on Four: Major issues and events at home and abroad. **4.45** Kaleidoscope Extra; Ogdon at 50. Pianist John Ogdon suffered mental illness because of the pressures of being a top musician. He talks with John Lill and Peter Donohoe. **5.00** PM. News magazine. **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather

6.00 News. Financial report **6.30** The Milligan Papers: the story of Jonah and the Whale (s) **7.00** News. **7.05** The Archers. **7.20** Face The Facts: John Waite and his team of investigators tackle injustice, fraud, abuse of power, and inept bureaucracy.

7.45 The Cross and the Crescent: A history of the Crusades. Malcolm Billings presents the third of an eight-part series (s) **8.15** Analysis: Richard Perle (American Assistant Secretary for Defence) talks to Professor Laurence Martin (vice chancellor of the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne) about nuclear strategy and arms control. **9.00** Thirty Minute Theatre: Mr Peabody and the Beast, by Ray Jones. **9.30** Mixed Metaforde: Serious and not-so-serious poetry from Nigel Forde.

9.45 Kaleidoscope **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Missing Persons, by David Cook (3) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather. **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel. **11.00-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued). **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time Broadcasting

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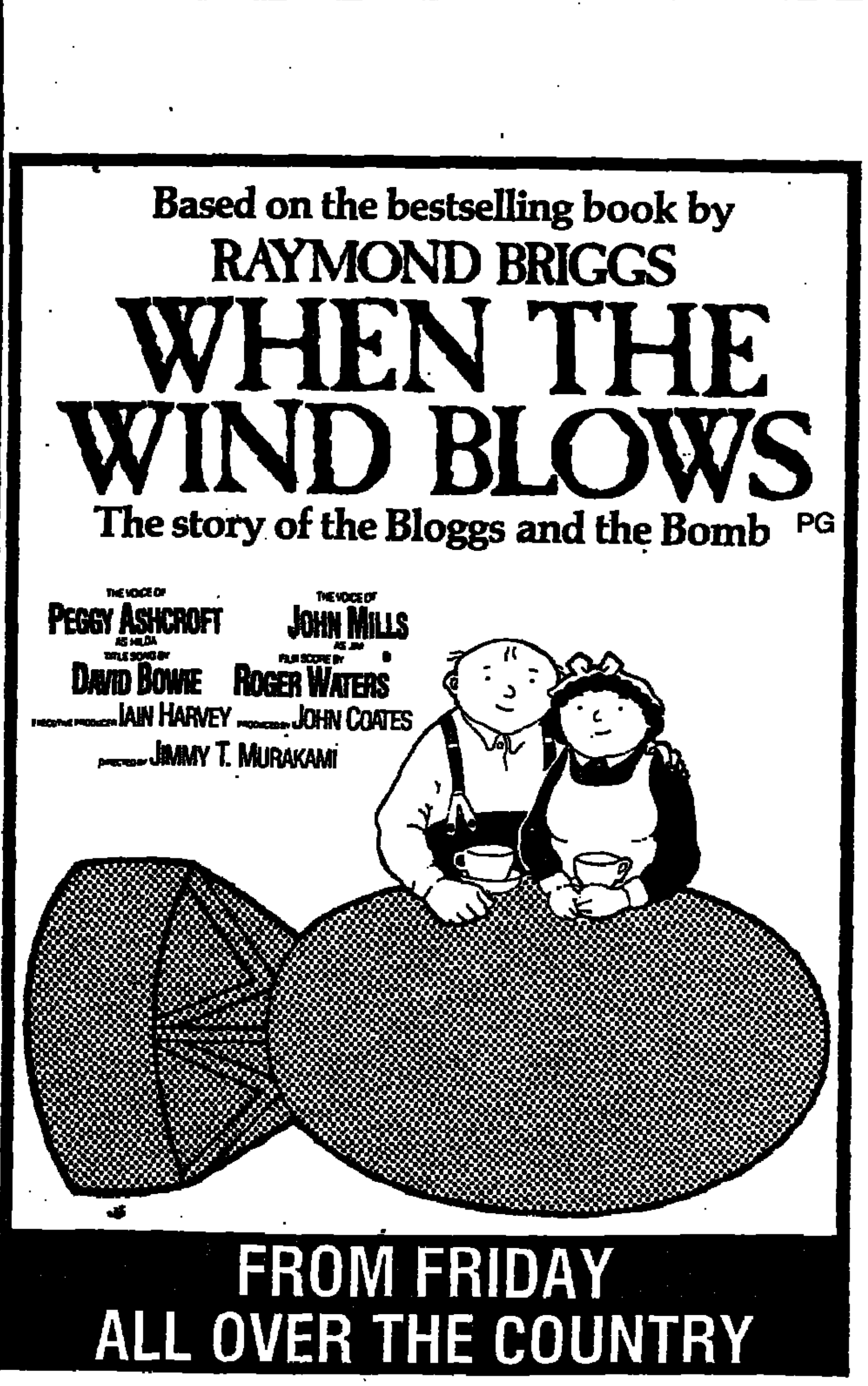

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England all but book their final place in the sun

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Devonport, Tasmania

With a stirring victory by 29 runs over West Indies here yesterday, England made more or less certain of being Australia's opponents in the final of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup. Put in by Richards, England managed 177 for nine, the yeoman Broad making 76 of them. They then bowled West Indies out in 48 overs for 148.

The final is over three matches, the third of them to be played only if the sides are level after two. The first is in Melbourne on Sunday. Before then – on Friday in Sydney – Australia and West Indies meet in the last of the qualifying games, which yesterday's result made almost, but not entirely, academic.

In theory, West Indies could still finish with eight points, the same number as England, and with a higher run rate. This would put them in the final. For it to happen, though, they will need to bat first on Friday for their full 50 overs and to score 373.

The highest total yet made in the competition was Australia's 323 for eight against Sri Lanka in 1984-85. West Indies' highest against Australia was their 273 for six at Melbourne in 1979-80, when they had a very much stronger batting side than they do now. When West Indies played Australia in Sydney last week they made 158.

Yesterday West Indies were without Haynes and Greenidge. Haynes had a sore finger, which he had dislocated at practice on Monday, and Greenidge has a mysterious hamstring injury, which no one seems to have seen happen. This left the West Indian innings to be opened by Richardson and the little-known Thelston Payne, a wicketkeeping stand-in who has been knocking around Barbados for a long time.

They got to 70 for two but Gomes then flicked Botham to backward short leg and, when Richards had his first failure in five innings, England saw their chance and took it. It was a rousing, last-ditch English effort.

The game was played in a raging wind, blowing diagonally across the ground, and the pitch had both bounce and movement to offer the faster bowlers. At the critical moments, too, Gatting's bowling changes proved wondrously effective.

In Botham's first over Payne was caught at the wicket off a wide long hop; when Foster was brought back for his second spell he immediately bowled Logie, who was playing well; when Small came on for a second time he had the dangerous Harper caught at the wicket with his fourth ball; when DeFreitas returned, Marshall instantly skied him to Athey, running in from short extra cover.

Finally, with three overs left and West Indies needing 30, Gatting turned back to Emburey, who has been having a difficult time recently keeping the runs down but now won the match with two wickets in his first two balls (both with full tosses) and three in the over.

At 95 for six in the 36th over, three wickets having just fallen cheaply, West Indies looked to be almost gone. While Marshall and Dujon were then adding 37 in seven overs for the seventh wicket with a confident swagger it began to look as though England's tour would end last night.

If it had, all but five of them would have been home on Saturday. As it was, DeFreitas, whose youth and zest at the end of a long tour are enabling him to bowl better than anyone, got rid of Marshall, and an extra 10 days in the sunshine are now assured.

Broad was again the mainstay of England's innings, no one else all day looking less vulnerable to the moving ball. He took his aggregate for the tour in 21 Tests and one-day internationals to 981 at an average of just over 50, and he has been handicapped recently by a strained hamstring. The injury having got worse when he was batting yesterday, he was not in the field for the West Indian innings.

Broad was seventh out at 158 – in the 46th over. Of the others, only Lamb got past 15, other than sundries, which have contributed 106 runs to England in their eight WSC matches, only two fewer than Gatting. Lamb held his place ahead of Whitaker, despite being another hamstring sufferer, because of his excellent record against West Indies. Athey, although he looks like a fish out of water at No. 6, where he now batted, played again because of his fielding in the circle, which has been such an asset.

After opening again with Broad, Botham was well caught in the gully in the fourth over from a ball that lifted sharply. Gower was never comfortable, playing and missing a good deal before miscuing Marshall to mid-on, where Payne held a good tumbling catch. Broad and Lamb then added 74.

Lamb was out in the 34th over, caught at deep mid-wicket, and before Gatting could offer much he pulled Gray to the finer of two long legs that were there for the purpose. Athey and Emburey soon followed and when, in the 46th over, Broad was caught at the wicket, every run the bowlers could scrape together was going to be important.

DeFreitas obliged with 15 and off the last over, bowled by Walsh, he and Small took 11, which made a small but telling difference to the final equation. West Indies, I thought, had bowled well; England were to do better. In the capacity crowd of 10,000 England had plenty of support, if not quite as much as the West Indians. Broad was made man of the match.

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World Series Cup table

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Australia	7	4	3	8	4.46
England	8	4	4	8	3.93
West Indies	7	3	4	6	3.43

If points are level after each side has played eight matches, run-rates will determine the finalists.

Remaining matches

February 6: Australia v West Indies (Sydney, day/night): 8: First final (Melbourne); 11: Second final (Sydney, day/night): 13: Third final, if required (Melbourne).

Gatting's warning

Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, conceded defeat after yesterday's defeat by England. "I'm a man of faith and determination, but if something is beyond you, it's beyond you," he said. "We didn't play well enough to get into the finals. Good luck to England now."

On the difficult prospects facing the West Indies, Mike Gatting, the England captain, said: "If they can do that then they deserve to win the cup." Gatting said of the match: "I though 200 would be a good score on that pitch. But without Chris Broad, we would probably not have managed 100.

Asked about England's prospects for the finals, Gatting added: "We haven't played too well against Australia just lately but if we perform as we cn we should give them a good run."

"We went out there today to play well and, thanks to the boys, we got through," he said, adding: "But we'll have to lift our game against Australia

DEVONPORT SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND	
B C Broad c Dujon b Walsh	76
I T Botham c Richardson b Gray	8
D I Gower c Payne b Marshall	3
A J Lamb c Logie b Harper	36
*M W Gatting c Richardson b Gray	6
C W J Athey lbw b Marshall	3
J E Emburey c Garner b Walsh	2
P A J DeFreitas not out	15
N A Foster run out	0
†B N French b Marshall	0
G C Small not out	6
Extras (lb 14, w 3, nb 5)	22
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-29, 3-103, 4-129, 5-133, 6-143, 7-158, 8-159, 9-160, 10-177

BOWLING: Marshall 10-0-31-3; Gray 10-2-29-2; Garner 10-0-30-0; Walsh 10-1-31-2; Harper 10-0-42-1

WEST INDIES	
R B Richardson c French b DeFreitas	2
T R O Payne c French b Botham	18
A L Logie b Foster	31
H A Gomes c Emburey b Botham	19
*I V A Richards b Botham	1
†P J Dujon c Gatting b Emburey	34
R A Harper c FRench b Small	4
M D Marshall c Athey b DeFreitas	27
J Garner b Emburey	4
A H Gray c and b Emburey	0
C A Walsh not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (48 overs)	148

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-25, 3-71, 4-73, 5-90, 6-95, 7-132, 8-147, 9-147, 10-148.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 9-1-20-2; Small 10-0-35-1; Foster 10-0-29-1, Botham 10-1-33-3; Emburey 9-0-26-3.

Umpires: A R Crafter and S G Randell.

Something to shout about: Botham in full cry as he takes the wicket of Richards

BBC schedule live coverage of finals

By Marcus Williams

On the almost certain assumption that England qualify for the World Series Cup finals, BBC Television *will this weekend stay on the* air throughout the night for the first time to cover cricket from overseas.

Details will not be finalized until after the final qualifying match, between Australia and West Indies on Friday, but BBC will provide extensive coverage of the first final at Melbourne on Sunday, the second final at Sydney a week today and, if the teams are level at that stage, the third and deciding match in Melbourne on Friday week.

The all-night broadcast of the first game in the best-of-three series begins on Saturday at 10.45pm and will continue uninterrupted until the game ends at about 7am on Sunday.

The second game in Sydney will start at 3.30am and continue through the day until the close of play. If a third game is required, it will be transmitted *from Melbourne, starting* at 3.30am, on February 13.

With the increase in satellite communications, recorded highlights of Test matches and one-day internationals have become, in the last decade, a feature of tours to Australia for English cricket followers.

The first live broadcast – the morning session of the fourth day's play during the fifth Test match in Sydney – was made on the 1982-83 tour by Bob Willis's side and extended coverage was given to matches in last month's Benson and Hedges Challenge in Perth.

The cost to BBC, if the series lasts for three games, will be about £100,000.

McEnroe starts comeback

From Barry Wood
Philadelphia

John McEnroe returns to tournament action today for the first time since his encounter with Pat Cash at Wembley in November. His opponent in the second round of the Ebel US Pro-Indoors in Philadelphia is Mel Purcell, who yesterday beat Christo Steyn.

Both McEnroe, seeded 4, and second seed Jimmy Connors have won the event four times in the past ten years but their way is barred this time by newly-married Mats Wilander.

More tennis, Page 35

Coombs on trial

Robert Coombs, aged 27, the *left-arm spinner released* by Somerset at the end of last season, is to be given a trial with Sussex.

Hollins resorts to footwork as trouble mounts

Chelsea's manager, John Hollins, took one step forward and two steps back, in his efforts to resolve Stamford Bridge's problem of mounting transfer requests.

Centre-half Steve Wicks, promoted to captain on Sunday, responded by asking to come off the list. But, within hours Keith Jones and Robert Isaac were added to it after refusing new contracts.

That now leaves Hollins with nine players wanting to leave, including strikers David Speedie and Kerry Dixon.

Wicks backed Hollins today, saying: "It's time for everyone to roll up their sleeves and fight for Chelsea on and off the field."

The former Queen's Park Rangers centre half, signed *last July for £450,000,* made his decision after being made captain for last Sunday's FA Cup match at Watford.

Although defeat left Chelsea to concentrate on avoiding relegation, Wicks today contacted Hollins to say, "It's time for everyone to roll up their sleeves and fight for Chelsea on and off the field."Withdrawing his transfer request. Wicks adds: "It is now my intention to finish my playing career at Stamford Bridge."

Wicks's disatisfaction at Stamford Bridge began when he was dropped early in the season and then used only three times until being recalled against Aston Villa a fortnight ago.

Isaac and Jones were listed, "as *both players have refused* increased offers for longer contracts," according to a club statement.

● Stoke City's Republic of Ireland international midfield man John Devine, who feared that his career was over when he broke his right leg in four places 11 months ago, begins his comeback in a reserve game against West Bromwich Albion today.

Devine, whose right leg was shortened by almost half an inch by surgery, must wear a specially adapted boot after saving his career at a rehabilitation hospital in Dublin and with a course at Lilleshall.

Rules overruled to allow delayed tie

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Rosslyn Park and Leicester will play their delayed John Player Special Cup third-round tie at Roehampton on February 14, when the fourth-round ties are due to be played. Neither club were entirely happy about trying to play the match in mid-week, and the Rugby Football Union agreed yesterday to their request for a St Valentine's Day meeting.

The competition rules stipulate that matches should be played before the date of the next round, so Gosforth, who play the winners, may not be best pleased.

Difficulties arose when the Park were forced by bad weather to postpone from the original date, January 24, and again last weekend when frost made their pitch unplayable.

Both clubs were keen to avoid a clash with the televised international between England and Ireland this weekend and consideration was given to a midweek date.

"Both clubs' committees said they were in tremendous difficulties over putting the game on before February 14, so we have acceded to their request," Dennis Morgan, the RFU's administrative secretary, said yesterday.

● Wasps will not de-merit *Friday's John Smith's Merit* Table A game with unchanged Moseley, even though they will be without Andrew, Simms and Rendall, who will be in Dublin with England. Rendall, plus Moore, of Nottingham, and Bath's Chilcott, who are both replacements, have all confirmed their recovery from injury.

● France have brought Tudela, of Hagetmau, and Rui, of Castres, into their side to play Scotland in the B international at St Andrews on Saturday, because of injuries and promotions to the A side.

Going to Lisbon

By David Hands

Two British clubs, the Scottish Borders and the Penguins, have accepted an invitation to take part in the inaugural Lisbon rugby union seven-a-side tournament which will be held over two days from June 6. *It is an event which the* organizers hope will become firmly established both as the official finish to the Portuguese domestic season and as a European club event.

"We think that at continental level we do not have a good sevens tournament," Manuel Cabral, the competition director, said in London yesterday.

The British are well catered for in England and Scotland, the Welsh have not always expressed much enthusiasm for sevens, but interest in the abbreviated game has blossomed with the popularity of the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank event and, lately, *the New South Wales inter*national tournament.

In Portugal rugby has been played on a regular basis since 1922, and the country now boasts two divisions in their league. The Lisbon sevens will include 13 domestic teams, 10 first division clubs and three invited sides. A Yugoslav club has agreed to take part and the Soviet Union may be represented by Aviator (Kiev).

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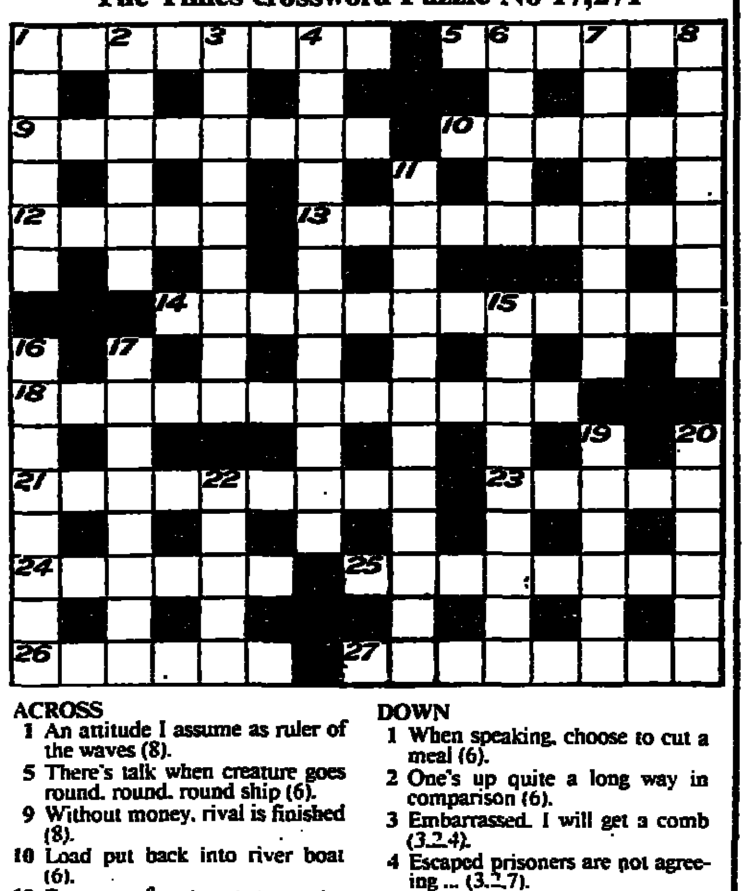
The Times crossword Puzzle No 17,271



ACROSS

1 An attitude I assume as ruler of the waves (8).
5 There's talk when creature goes round, round, round ship (6).
9 Without money, rival is finished (8).
10 Load put back into river boat (6).
12 Expanse of water, one quarter rented (5).
13 He could become a fit master (5,4).
14 Tunnel diggers have to stay solvent (4,4,4).
18 Snake swallows insects, and goes round the town down under (5,7).
21 American boards wrecked Italian liner (9).
23 A loaf in the van (5).
24 I would take love in a cold climate to be madness! (6).
25 A redoubt is constructed to be unshakeable (8).
26 Information about return of satisfactory plane (6).
27 My plane is often flown thus (2,6).

DOWN

1 When speaking, choose to cut a meal (6).
2 One's up quite a long way in comparison (6).
3 Embarrassed. I will get a comb (3,2,4).
4 Escaped prisoners are not agreeing ... (3,2,7).
6 ... to holding vicar up in full view (5).
7 Sibyl keeps at a distance from Jack (8).
8 Characteristic article on the stage (8).
11 Lead sounds like the first element to float (9,3).
15 Subscription certain to cover one source of annoyance (9).
16 Shaky alibi outlined by J.R. – at the start of Dallas, he's in prison (8).
17 Show of force from rock-climbing bear (3,5).
19 Go right (6).
20 Stick notice on present (6).
22 Act it out without words (5).

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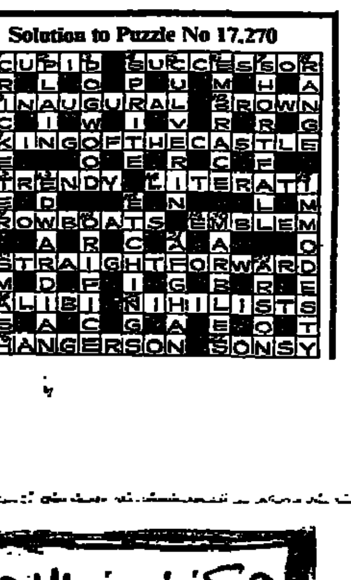
Solution to Puzzle No 17,270



WEATHER

A weak ridge of high pressure in the south will move away as a front approaches the NW. Central and E parts of England will start frosty with patchy fog clearing during the morning. NE parts of England and some E parts of Scotland will then have some sunshine. S and W parts of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy with some drizzle near coasts and hills. N and W parts of Scotland will become windy with rain at times. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mild with some rain in all districts.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Malaga	f	14	57
Akrotiri	f	17	63	Malta	c	16	61
Alex'dria	f	17	63	Melb'rne	f	20	68
Algiers	s	17	63	Mexico C*	r	13	55
Amst'dm	fg	1	34	Miami*	s	26	79
Athens	c	11	52	Milan	f	-1	30
Bahrain	s	20	68	Montreal*	sn	-6	21
Barcelna	f	13	55	Moscow	c	0	32
Belgrade	f	-1	30	Munich	fg	-3	27
Berlin	s	-3	27	Nairobi	s	29	84
Bermuda*	f	20	68	Naples	s	14	57
Biarritz	r	10	50	N Delhi	s	19	66
Borde'x	c	8	46	Nice	c	9	48
Brussels	c	3	37	Oslo	c	-2	28
Budapst	c	-3	27	Paris	fg	4	39
B Aires*	s	30	86	Perth	s	31	88
Cairo	f	19	66	Prague	fg	-8	18
Cape Tn	f	23	73	Reykjvik	sn	-2	28
C'blanca	c	13	55	Rhodes	f	14	57
Ch'church	f	29	84	Rio de J	f	28	82
Cologne	c	1	34	Rio de J	s	32	90
C'phagn	s	-2	28	Riyadh	s	27	81
Corfu	f	13	55	Rome	s	13	55
Dublin	c	7	45	Salzburg	s	-4	25
Faro	f	15	59	S F'risco*	r	12	54
Florence	c	4	39	Santiago*	s	32	90
Frankfurt	c	-3	27	S Paulo*	c	28	82
Funchal	f	17	63	Seoul	s	0	32
Geneva	r	2	36	Sing'por	f	29	84
Helsinki	s	1	34	St'kholm	s	-1	30
Hong K	s	20	68	Strasb'rg	c	-1	30
Innsbrck	s	2	36	Sydney	f	25	77
Istanbul	c	5	41	Tangier	c	13	55
Jeddah	s	30	86	Tel aviv	c	16	61
Jo'burg*	s	26	79	Tenerife	c	19	66
Karachi	s	26	79	Tokyo	c	5	41
L Palmas	c	20	68	Toronto*	c	2	36
Le Touqet	fg	5	41	Tunis	s	17	63
Lisbon	f	12	54	Valencia	s	14	57
Locarno	f	2	36	Venice	s	3	37
L Angels*	f	16	61	Vienna	c	-5	23
Luxembg	r	0	32	Warsaw	s	-2	28
Madrid	c	8	46	Wel'nton	c	19	66
Majorca	c	14	57	Zurich	c	-3	27

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro					
Bridlington	-	.18	*	*dull	
Cromer	-	-	4	39	dull
Lowestoft	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Clacton	0.2	-	3	37	cloudy
Southend	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Margate	-	-	3	37	dull
Folkestone	0.2	.02	5	41	rain
Hastings	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	4	39	dull
Brighton	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Worthing	-	-	5	41	rain
Littlehmptn	-	-	5	41	dull
Bognor R	-	-	4	39	dull
Southsea	-	.19	6	43	rain
Sandown	-	*	6	43	dull
Shanklin	-	.61	6	43	drizzle
Bournemth	-	.88	6	43	rain
Poole	-.88	*	*rain		
Swanage	-	1.09	7	45	rain
Weymouth	-	1.15	7	45	rain
Exmouth	-	1.09	8	46	rain
Teignmouth	-	.80	8	46	rain
Torquay	-	.70	9	48	drizzle
Falmouth	-	.64	-	-	dull
Penzance	0.9	.49	11	52	fog
Scilly Isles	3.2	.09	12	54	bright
Jersey	-	.59	6	43	rain
Guernsey	-	.86	8	46	fog
Newquay	0.9	.51	12	54	shower
Ilfracombe	-	.24	11	52	dull
Minehead	0.3	.30	9	48	rain
B'pool Airpt	-	.61	5	41	rain
Morecambe	-	.43	*	*rain	
Douglas	-.57	6	43fog		
B'ham Airpt	-	.17	5	41	rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	.42	8	46	rain
Carlisle	-	.65	6	43	rain
London	0.1	-	7	45	bright
Manchester	-	.21	6	43	rain
N'ctl-n-Tyne	-	.06	3	37	rain
Nottingham	-	.30	3	37	rain
Anglesey	-	.12	9	48	cloudy
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.72	6	43	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	.02	10	50	cloudy
Tenby	-	.73	6	43	rain
Aberdeen	-	-	4	39	fog
Edinburgh	-	.20	4	39	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.27	5	41	rain
Glasgow	-	.17	5	41	fog
Kinloss	-	.11	9	48	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.04	6	43	rain
Prestwick	-	.09	7	45	cloudy
Stornoway	-	.02	8	46	dull
Tiree	-	.20	8	46	cloudy
Wick	-	-	7	45	rain
Belfast	4.3	.10	11	52	sunny

These are Monday's figures
*Figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.34	6.9	6.08	6.7
Aberdeen	5.20	3.7	5.22	4.0
Avonmouth	11.08	12.4	11.23	11.8
Belfast	2.57	3.2	3.14	3.5
Cardiff	10.53	11.5	11.08	10.9
Devonport	9.35	5.2	9.54	4.9
Dover	2.39	6.5	3.07	6.0
Falmouth	9.05	5.0	9.24	4.7
Glasgow	4.33	4.7	4.48	4.9
Harwich	3.25	3.9	3.57	3.6
Holyhead	2.05	4.9	2.19	5.2
Hull	10.14	6.6	10.19	7.2
Ilfracombe	9.55	8.4	10.07	7.8
Leith	6.43	5.0	6.58	5.1
Liverpool	2.58	8.5	3.14	8.8
Lowestoft	12.50	2.5	1.51	2.0
Margate	3.38	4.7	4.19	4.3
Milford Haven	10.12	6.5	10.27	6.0
Newquay	9.08	6.5	9.23	6.1
Oban	9.34	3.5	9.29	3.3
Penzance	8.45	5.3	9.06	4.9
Portland	10.33	1.9	10.52	1.7
Portsmouth	3.17	4.6	3.25	4.3
Shoreham	2.52	6.0	3.11	5.7
Southampton	2.48	4.3	3.00	4.1
Swansea	10.13	8.7	10.27	8.3
Tees	7.47	4.8	7.51	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	3.18	4.1	3.52	3.8

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	20.00	18.90
Belgium Fr	60.25	56.85
Canada $	2.115	2.015
Denmark Kr	10.79	10.19
Finland Mkk	7.31	6.81
France Fr	9.51	9.01
Germany Dm	2.875	2.715
Greece Dr	230	210
Hong Kong $	12.25	11.65
Ireland Pt	1.085	1.025
Italy Lira	2040	1920
Japan Yen	248	232
Netherlands Gld	3.23	3.05
Norway Kr	11.02	10.42
Portugal Esc	218.25	206.25
South Africa Rd	4.05	3.45
Spain Pta	200	190
Sweden Kr	10.27	9.72
Switzerland Fr	2.41	2.28
USA $	1.59	1.52
Yugoslavia Dnr	900	800

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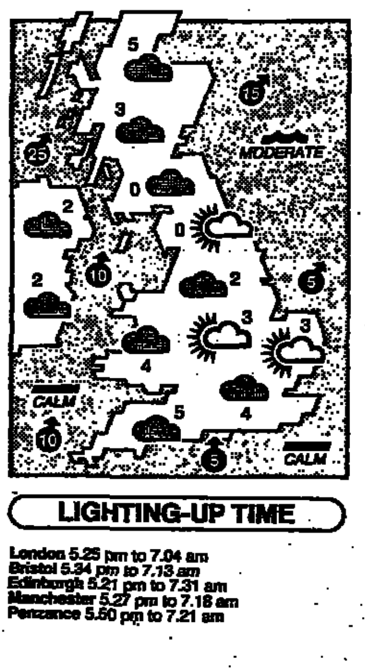

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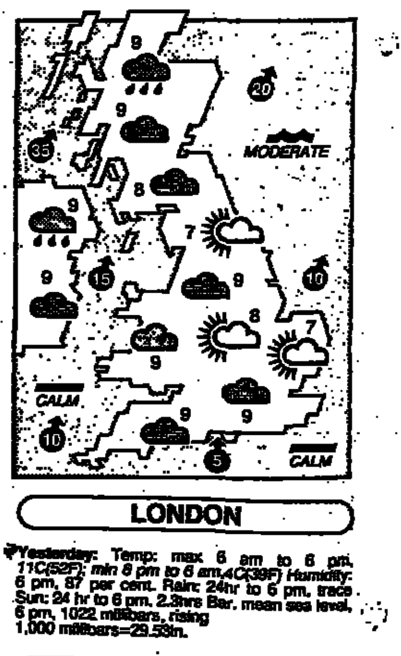

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.25 pm to 7.04 am
Bristol 5.34 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 5.21 pm to 7.31 am
Manchester 5.27 pm to 7.18 am
Penzance 5.50 pm to 7.21 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C(52F); min 6 pm to 6 am,4C(39F) Humidity: 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3hrs Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022 millibars, rising
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud: f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	4	39	Guernsey	c	8	46
B'rmgham	c	7	45	Inverness	c	5	41
Blackpool	c	5	41	Jersey	c	9	48
Bristol	c	9	48	London	c	7	45
Cardiff	fg	8	46	M'chster	fg	6	43
Edinburgh	s	6	43	Newcastle	f	7	45
Glasgow	f	5	41	R'nldsway	f	8	46

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6.5C(45F); min 6 pm to 6 am,4C(39F) Rain: 0.016ins24hr to 6 pm, Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil

First quarter tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.35 am
Sun sets: 4.55 pm
Moon rises 9.49 am
Moon sets 12.49 am

NOON TODAY